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volume 16

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I'm changing the cover design starting with this volume. The previous cover was so bright that I just couldn't turn back. It's kind of like inflation that way. I'm sorry I always talk about trivial stuff in this space. Please forgive me.

—*Hiroyuki Takei*

Unconventional author/artist Hiroyuki Takei began his career by winning the coveted Hop Step Award (for new manga artists) and the Osamu Tezuka Award (named after the famous artist of the same name). After working as an assistant to famed artist Nobuhiro Watsuki, Takei debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1997 with **Butsu Zone**, an action series based on Buddhist mythology. His multicultural adventure manga **Shaman King**, which debuted in 1998, became a hit and was adapted into an anime TV series. Takei lists Osamu Tezuka, American comics and robot anime among his many influences.

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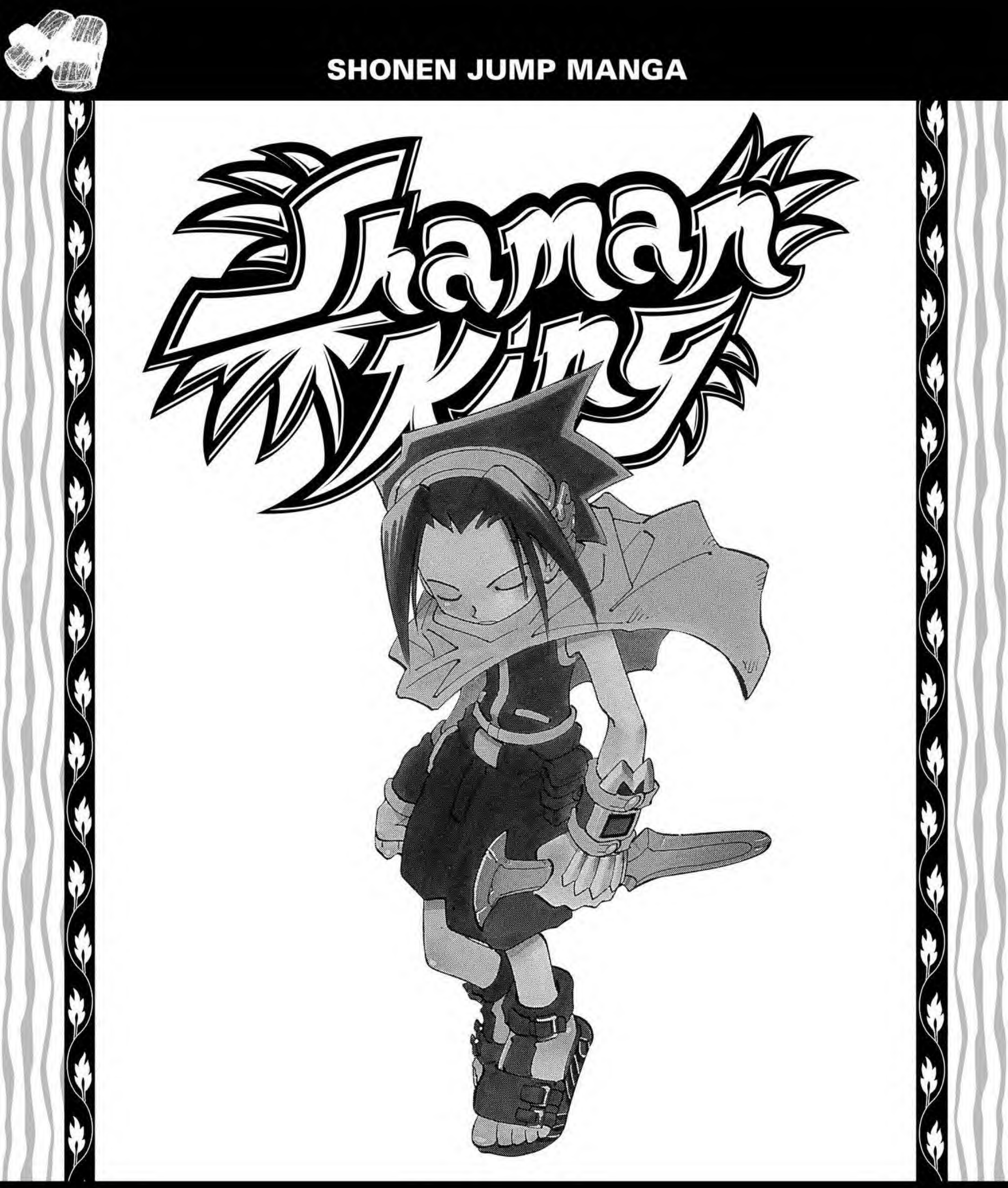

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CHARACTERS

Bason
Ren's spirit ally is the ghost of a fearsome warlord from ancient China.

Tao Ren
A powerful shaman and the scion of the ruthless Tao Family.

Yoh Asakura
Outwardly carefree and easy-going, Yoh bears a great responsibility as heir to a long line of Japanese shamans.

Amidamaru
"The Fiend" Amidamaru was, in life, a samurai of such skill and ferocity that he was a veritable one-man army. Now he is Yoh's loyal, and formidable, spirit ally.

Faust VIII
A creepy German doctor and necromancer who's now on Yoh's team.

Joco
A street-smart shaman who uses humor as a weapon. Or at least tries to.

Mic
Joco's jaguar spirit ally.

Eliza
Faust's late wife.

Horohoro
An Ainu shaman whose Over Soul looks like a snowboard.

Kororo
Horohoro's spirit ally is one of the little nature spirits that the Ainu call Koropokkur.

"Wooden Sword" Ryu
On a quest to find his Happy Place. Along the way, he became a shaman.

Manta Oyamada
A high-strung boy with a huge dictionary. He has enough sixth sense to see ghosts, but not enough to control them.

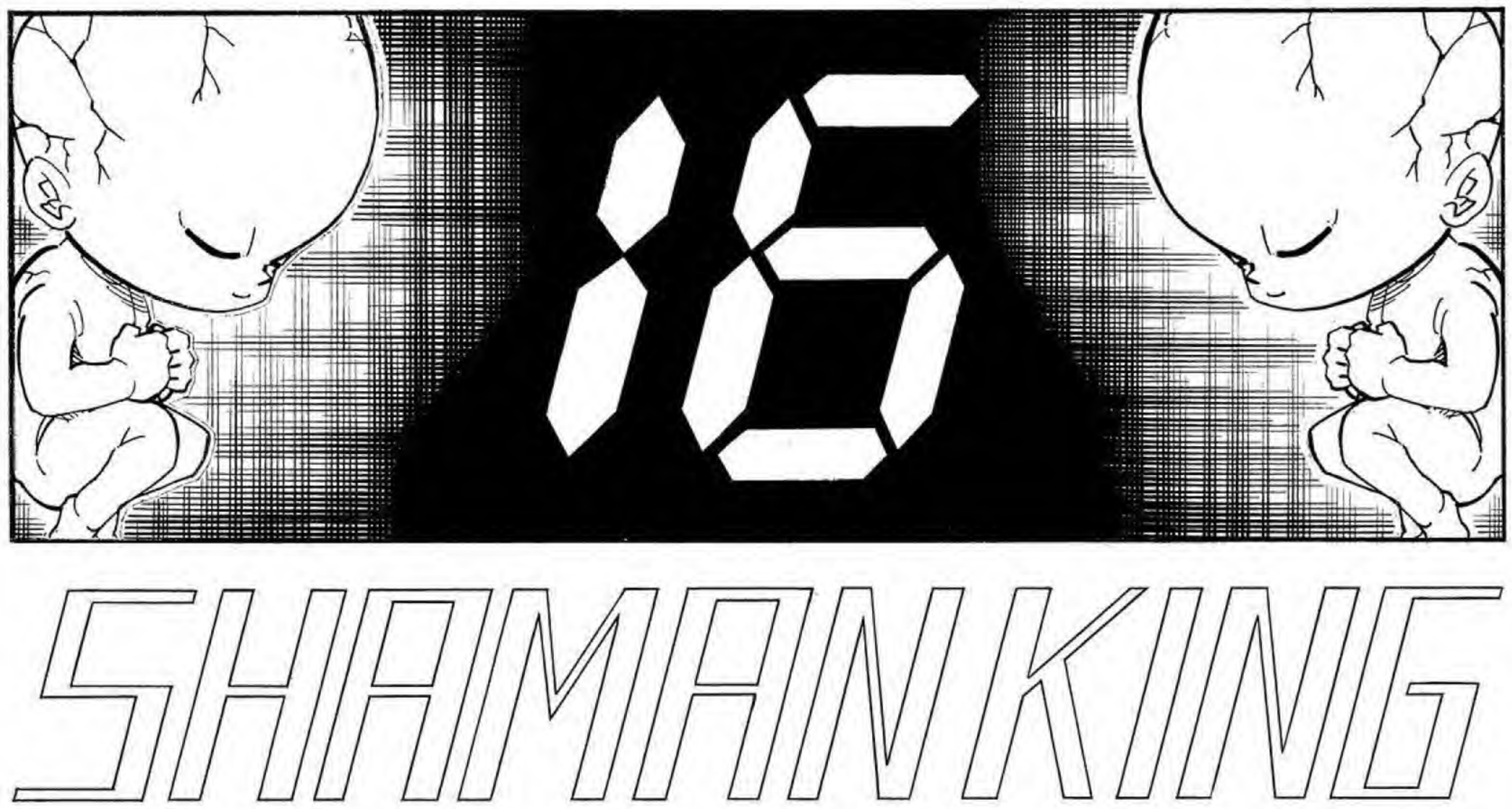
Tokagero
The ghost of a bandit slain by Amidamaru. He is now Ryu's spirit ally.

Anna Kyoyama
Yoh's butt-kicking fiancée. Anna is an *itako*, a traditional Japanese village shaman.

THE STORY THUS FAR

Yoh Asakura not only sees dead people, he talks and fights with them, too. That's because Yoh is a shaman, a traditional holy man able to interact with the spirit world. Yoh is now a competitor in the Shaman Fight, a tournament held every 500 years to decide who will become the Shaman King and shape humanity's future.

The first round of the Shaman Fight is underway. With their Over Souls boosted by the Ultra Senji Ryakketsu, Yoh's team has won its first match with ease. But Hao's full powers have yet to be revealed...



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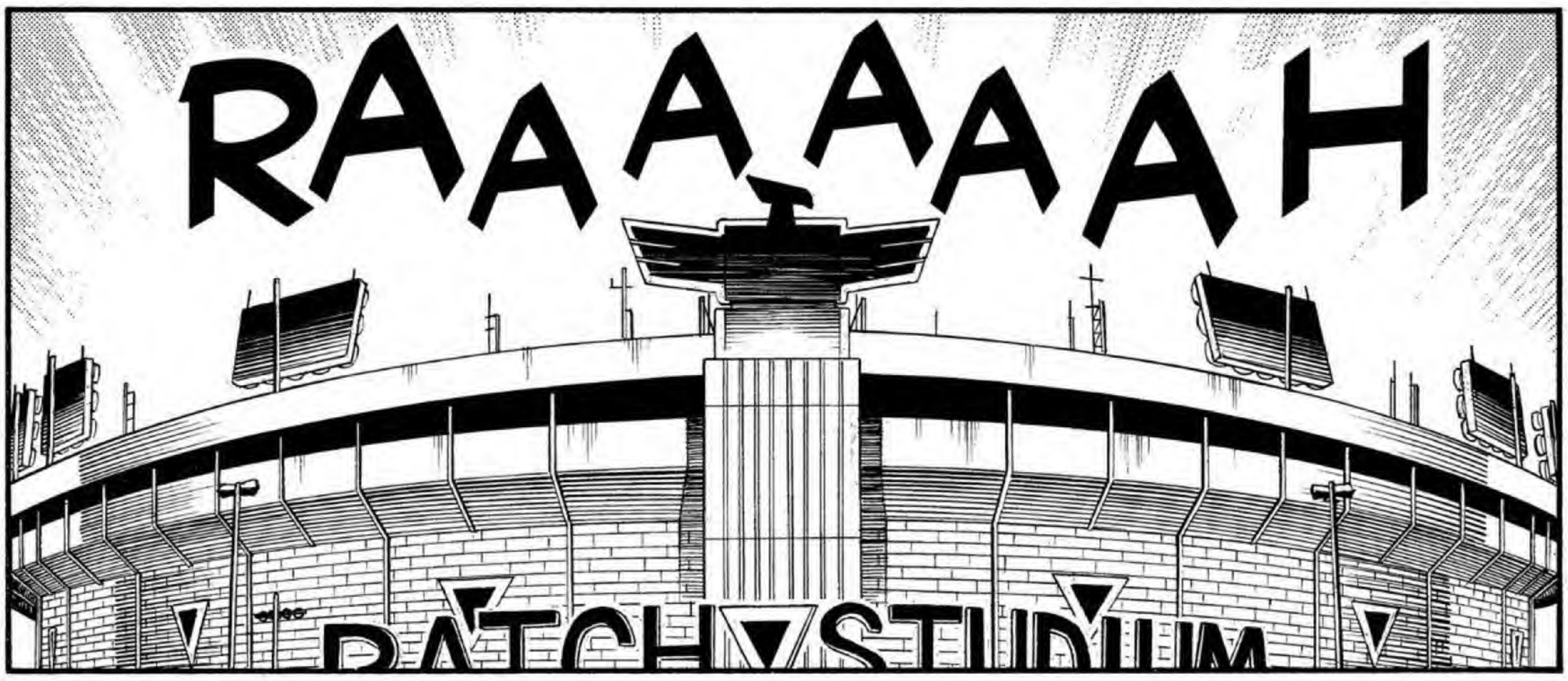

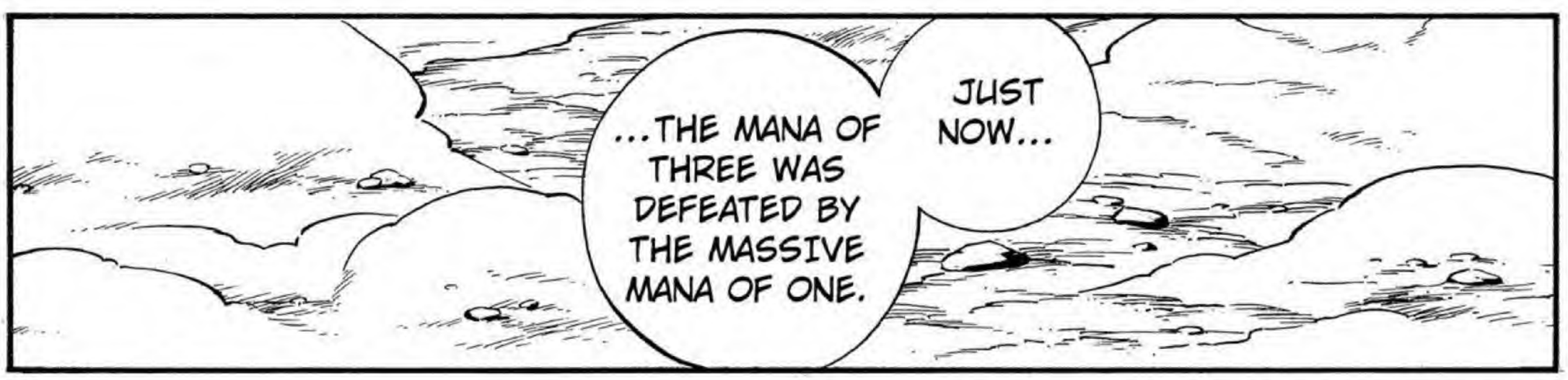

...YOH.

SO ...
...YOU WON...

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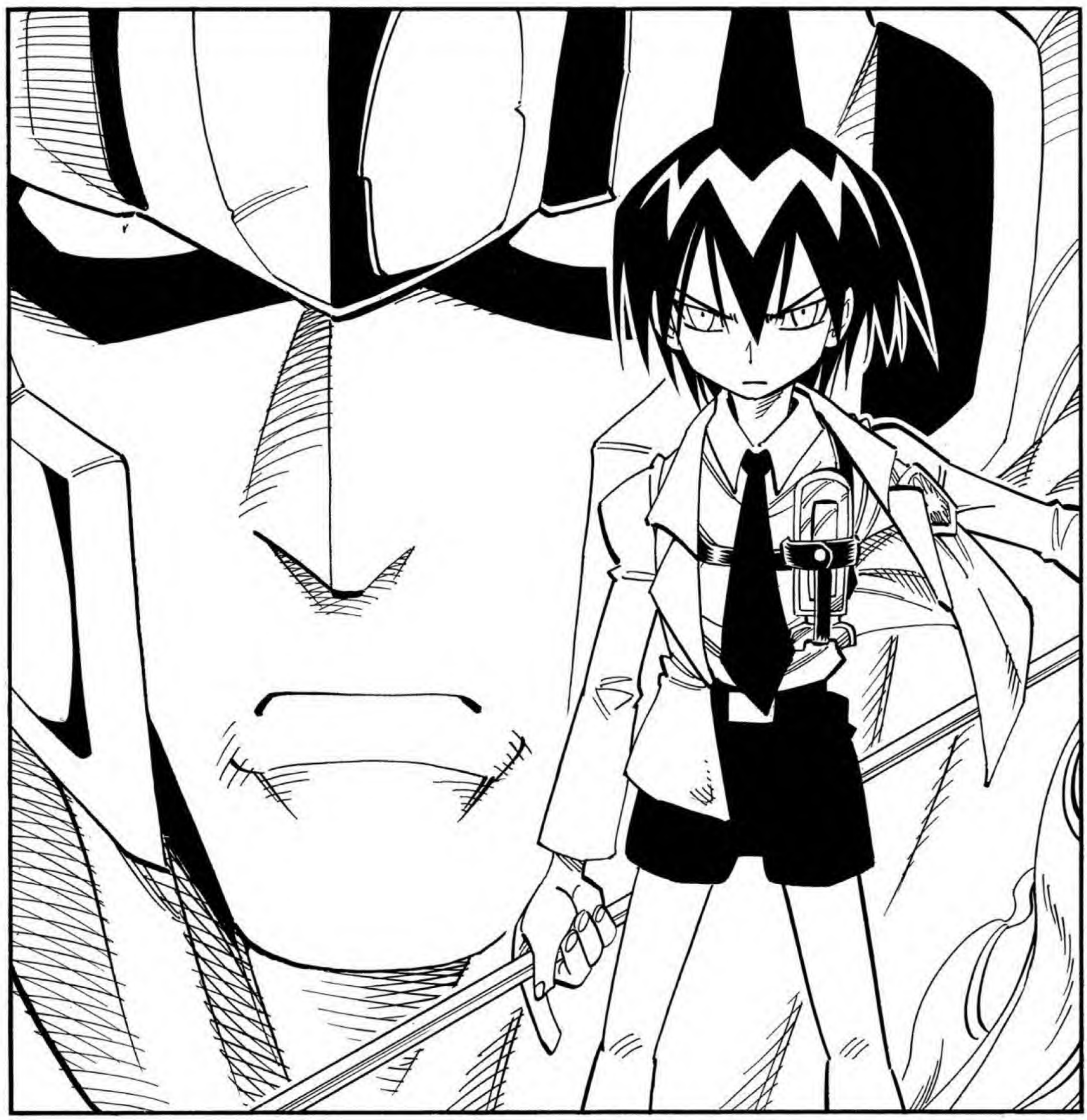
Ren's Point



OF COURSE...

...I KNEW YOU WOULD ALL ALONG.

TMP

IT'S A FORMIDABLE ASSET.

THAT THING BOOSTED ALL OF THEM.

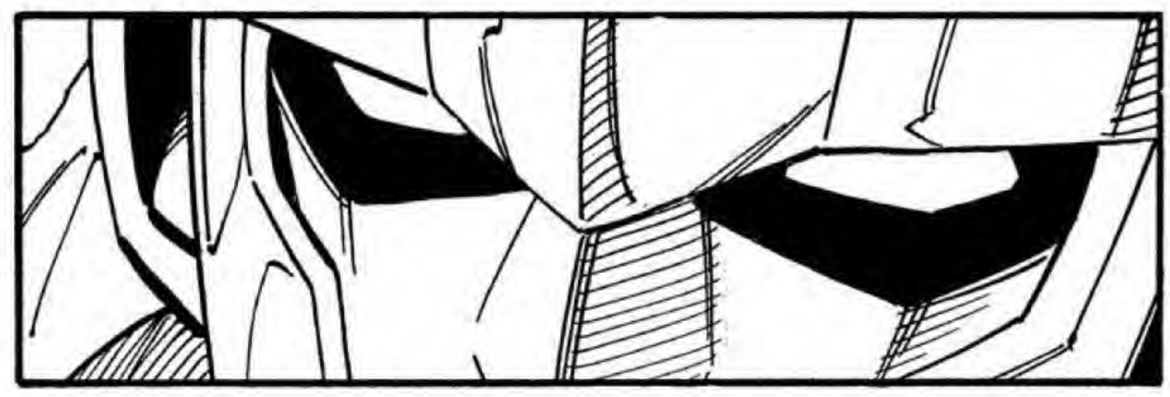
THEY MUST-

BUT THE OTHER TWO DISPLAYED GREAT MANA AS WELL.

...IS A THING TO BE RECKONED WITH, BASON.
THIS ULTRA SENJI RYAKKETSU...

OH?
THEN YOU WERE IMPRESSED AS WELL, EH?

MASTER...



...I CAN TELL YOU ITS SECRET.
IF YOU WANT...

WHOOSH

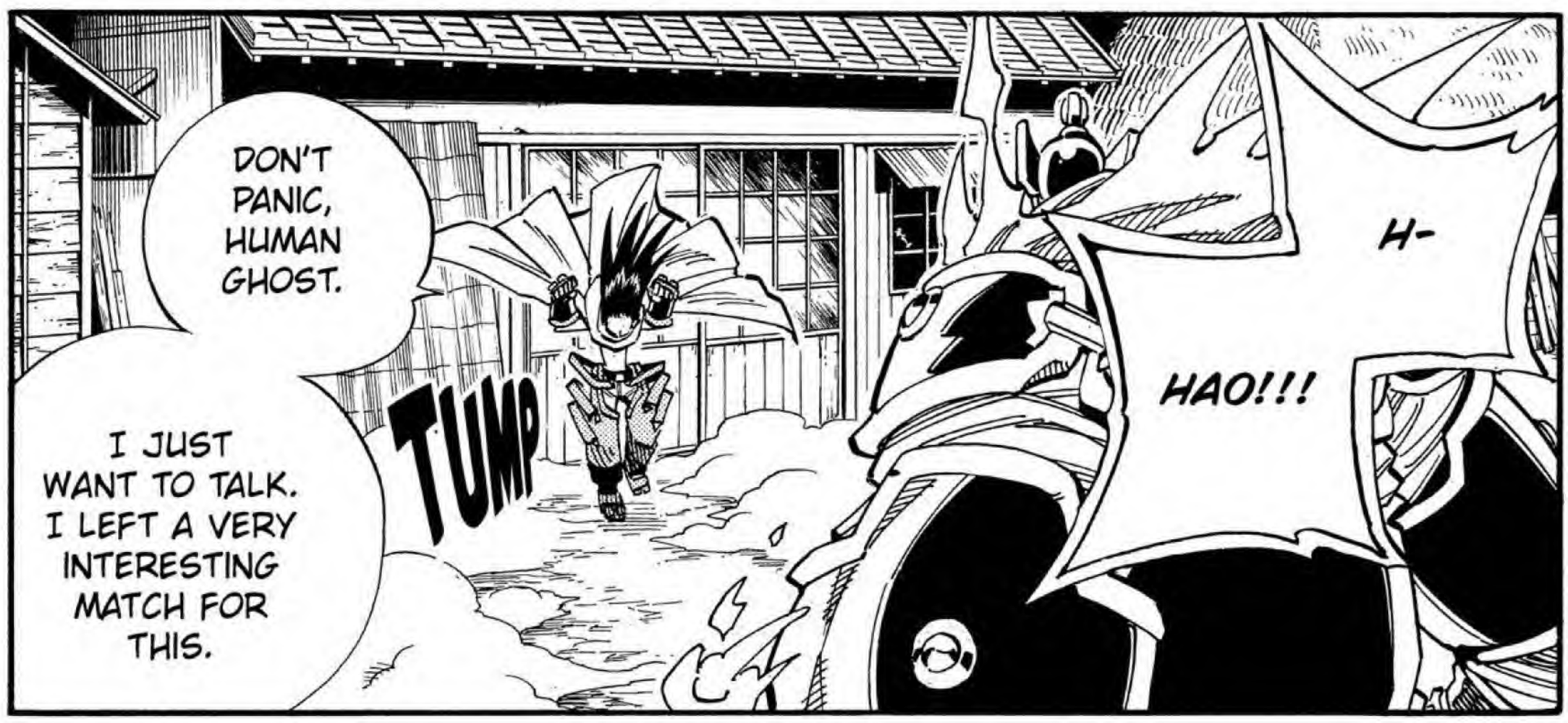
HAD
HAD

DOOM

HEH...

GOOD EVENING...

...REN.

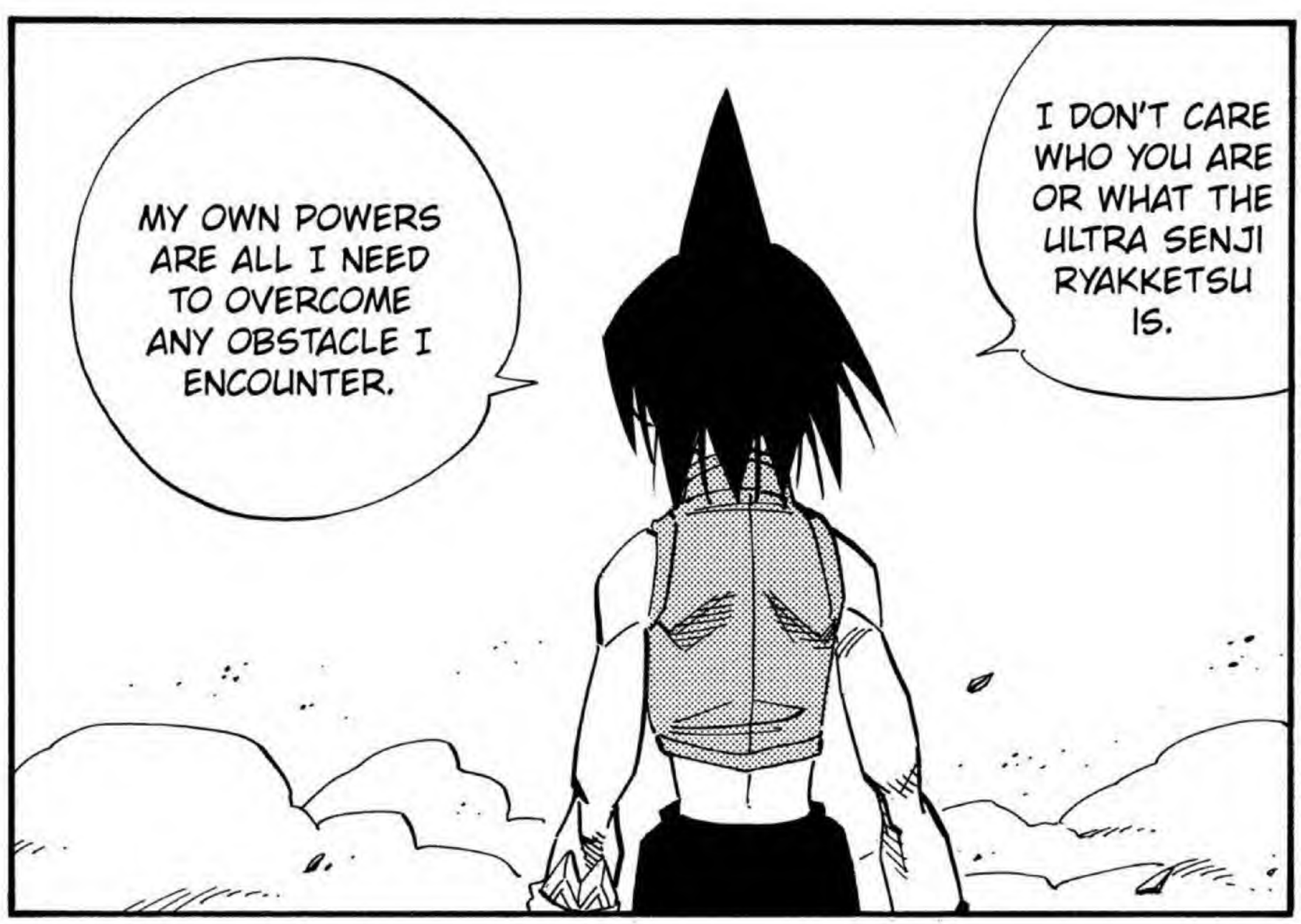


NOW WILL YOU HEAR ME OUT?

WHA ...?

A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
...I WROTE THE ULTRA SENJI RYAKKETSU AND LEFT IT WITH THE ASAKURA FAMILY.

YOU SAW THE VISION OF ME FROM 500 YEARS AGO, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT YOU MUST'VE SUSPECTED ALREADY.
STILL SNUB-BING ME?


MY OWN POWERS ARE ALL I NEED TO OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLE I ENCOUNTER.
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT THE ULTRA SENJI RYAKKETSU IS.

SO WHAT?

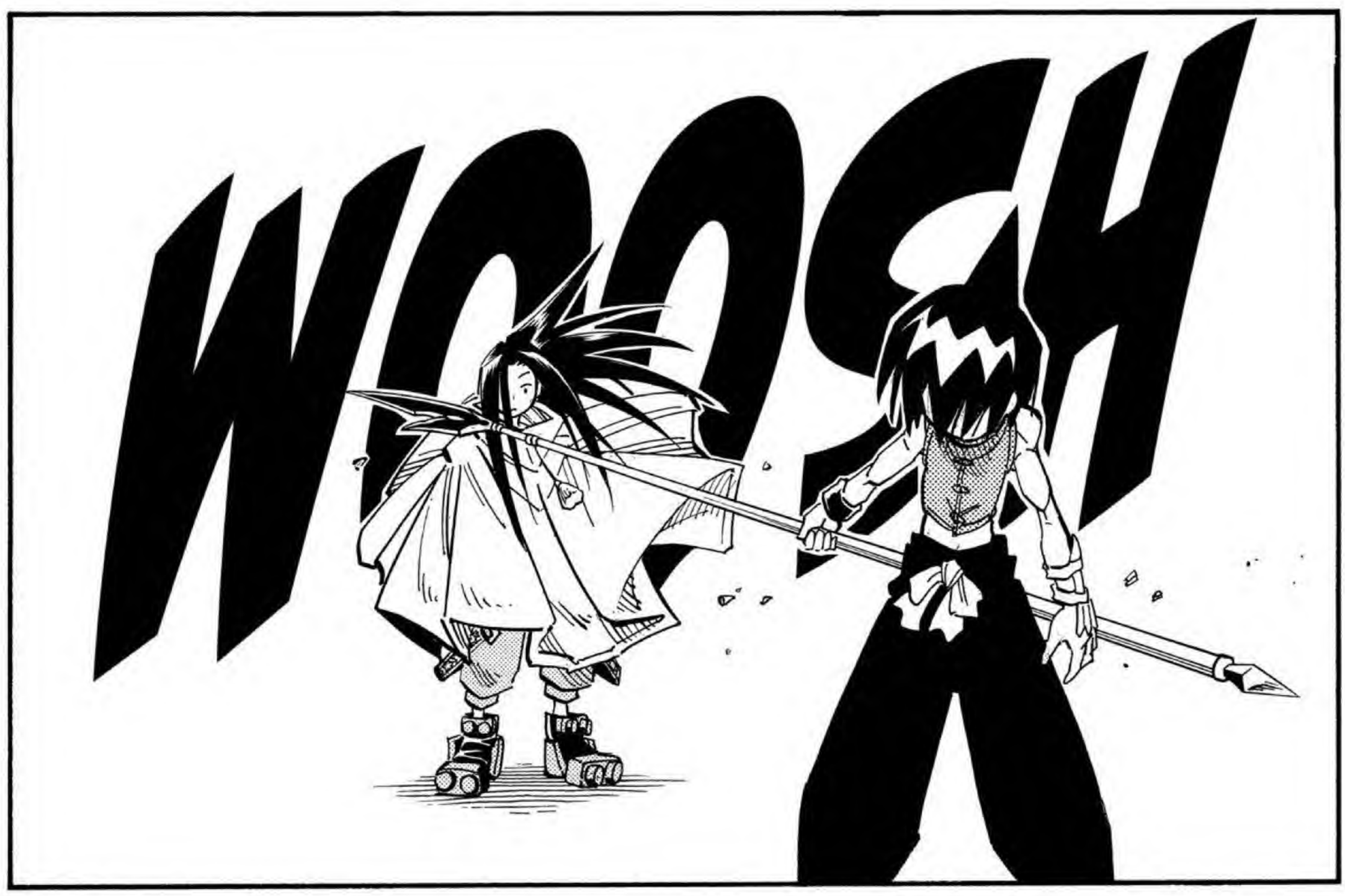
ACTING TOUGH IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS.

DON'T BE STUBBORN.

BUT NO ONE CAN GET STRONGER WITHOUT GETTING LOST ALONG THE WAY.

YOU'RE UPSET BECAUSE YOH HAS BECOME SO POWERFUL.

I UNDERSTAND.

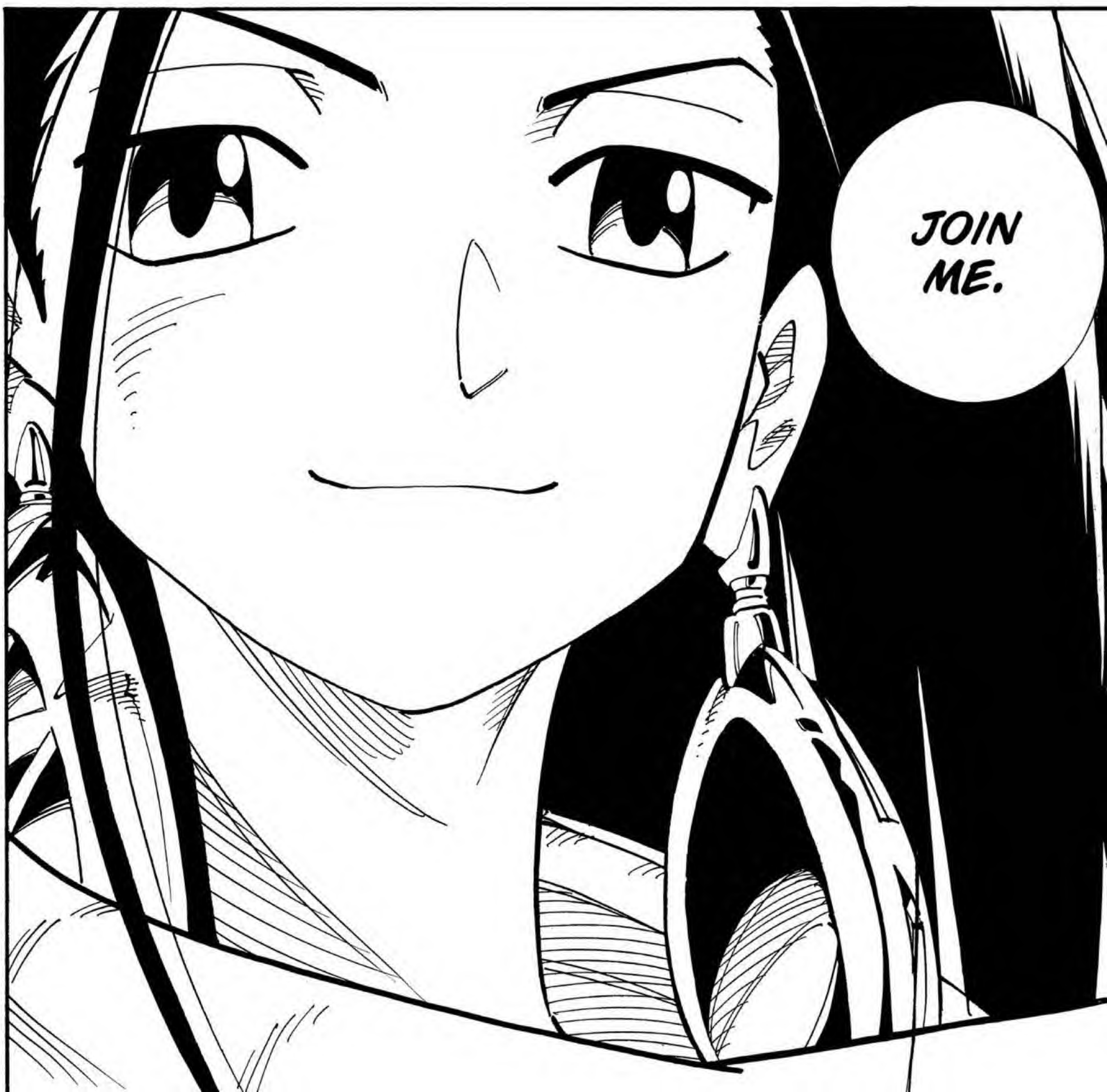


NO MORE GAMES.

...HOW I REALLY FEEL ABOUT YOH?
MAYBE YOU WANT TO KNOW...

YOU CAME AFTER ME, SO WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M NO FOOL. YOUR BARBS WON'T WORK ON ME.

I KNEW YOU WERE GOOD, TAO REN.
YOU'RE A SHARP ONE. I LIKE THAT.


JOIN ME.

...TECHNIQUES THAT SURPASS THAT OUTDATED ULTRA-SENJI RYAKUKETSU. AND YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT ME.
THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN EVERYTHING...
WHAT ?!!

HEH
REN, YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME, OR EVEN YOH.

DEVIL!!!

WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?!!!

THUMP

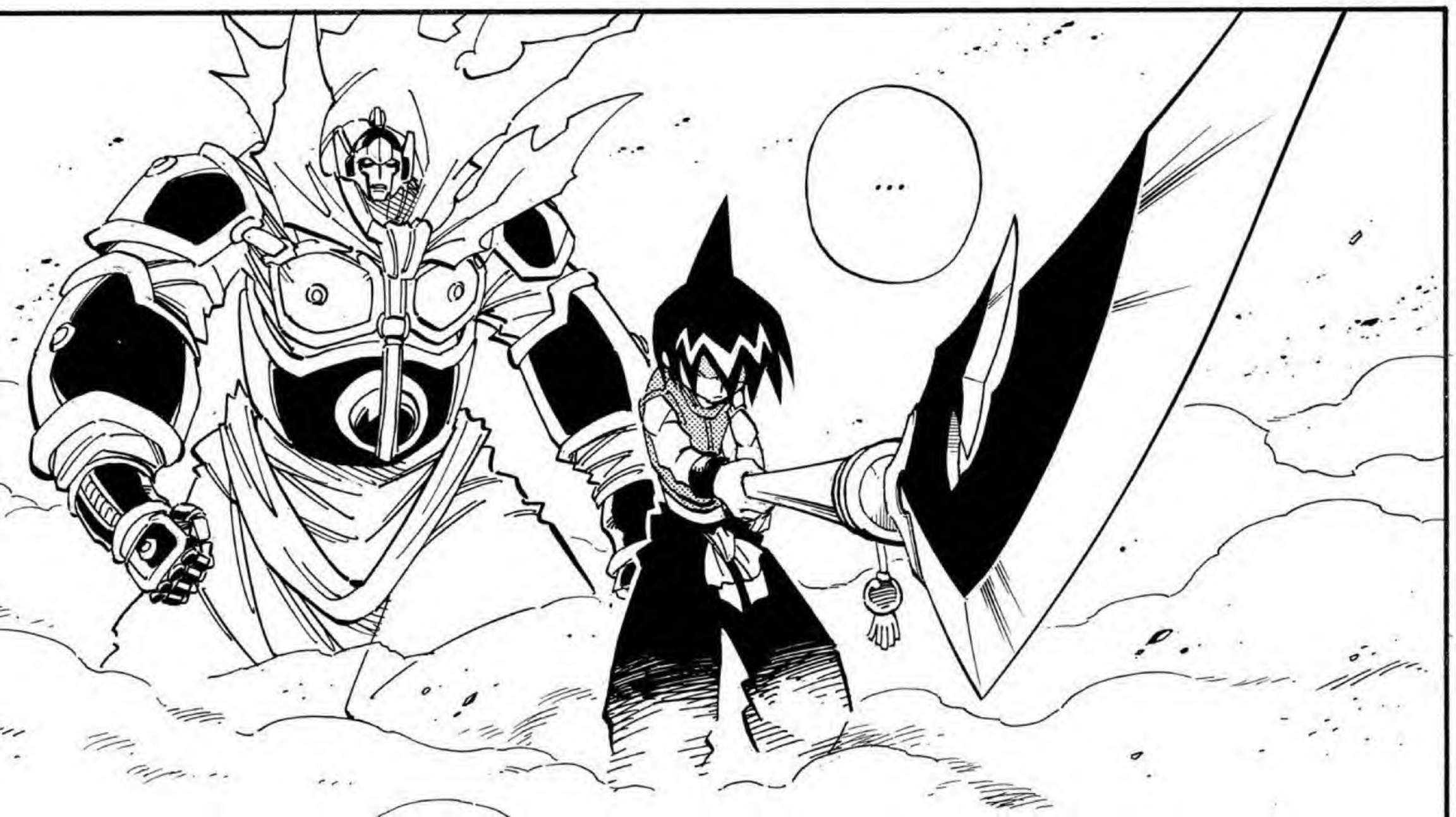
VWMM

I EXPECTED RESISTANCE THE FIRST TIME.
AH, WELL.

NEXT TIME, YOU WON'T BE SO HOSTILE.

BUT YOU'LL BE MINE SOON ENOUGH.

TMP



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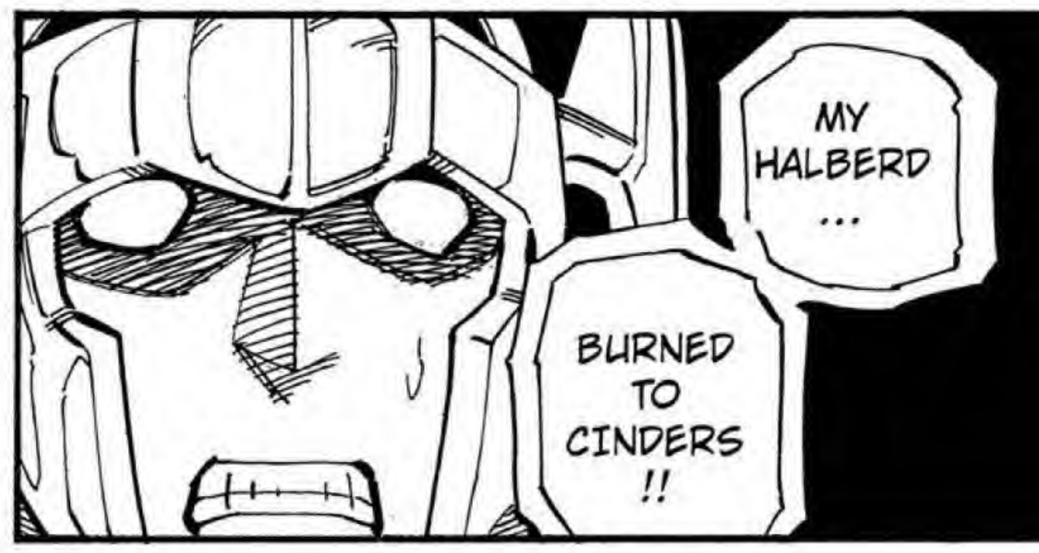
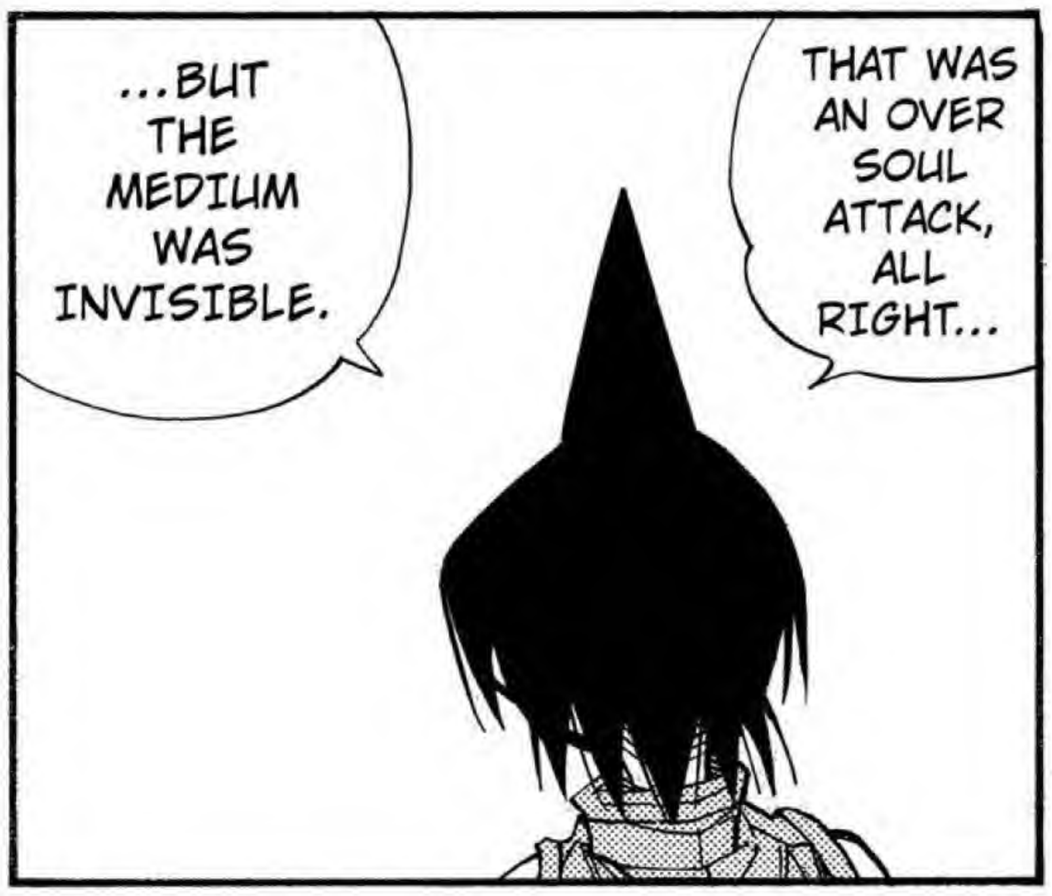
WAS HIS CLOAK AN OVER SOUL?!


MY HALBERD ...
BURNED TO CINDERS !!


...BUT THE MEDIUM WAS INVISIBLE.
THAT WAS AN OVER SOUL ATTACK, ALL RIGHT...

...DOES THIS MEAN?
WHAT...

NO.
!

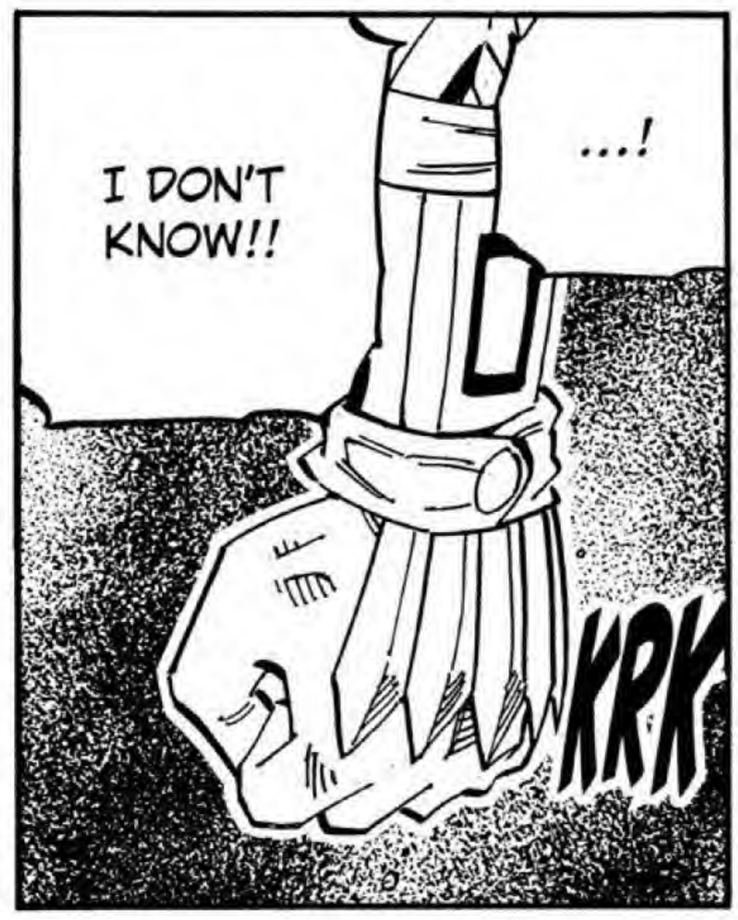
...IS THAT HIS IMMEASURABLE MANA SCARED ME!!!

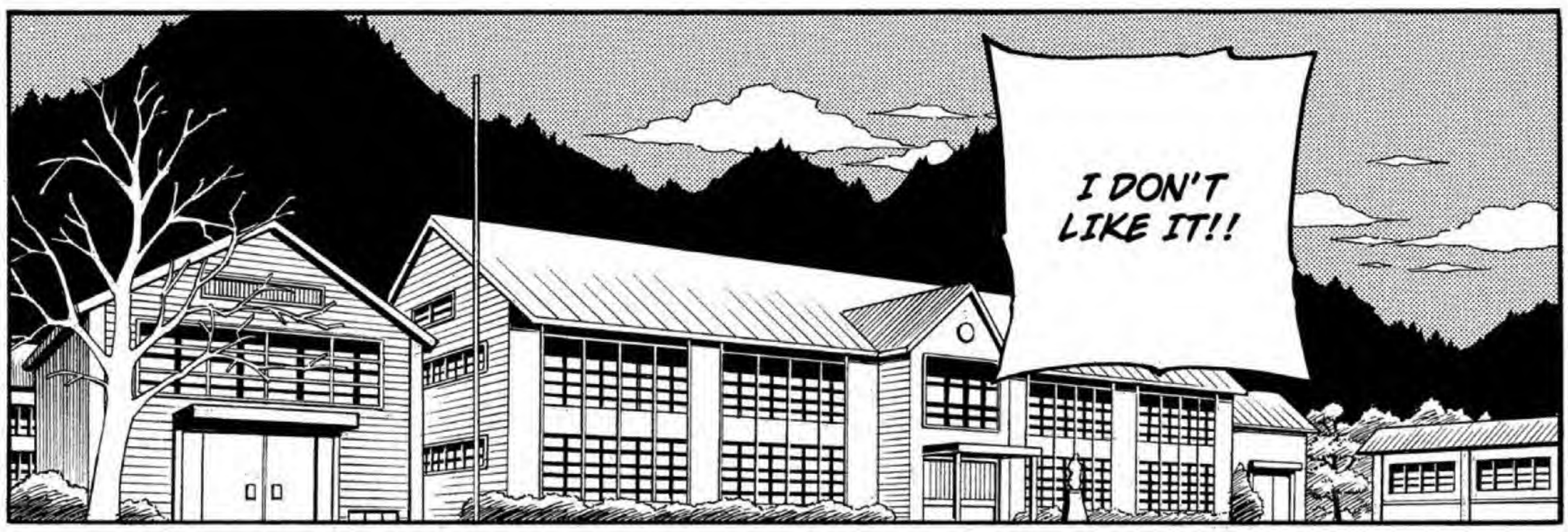
ALL I KNOW...

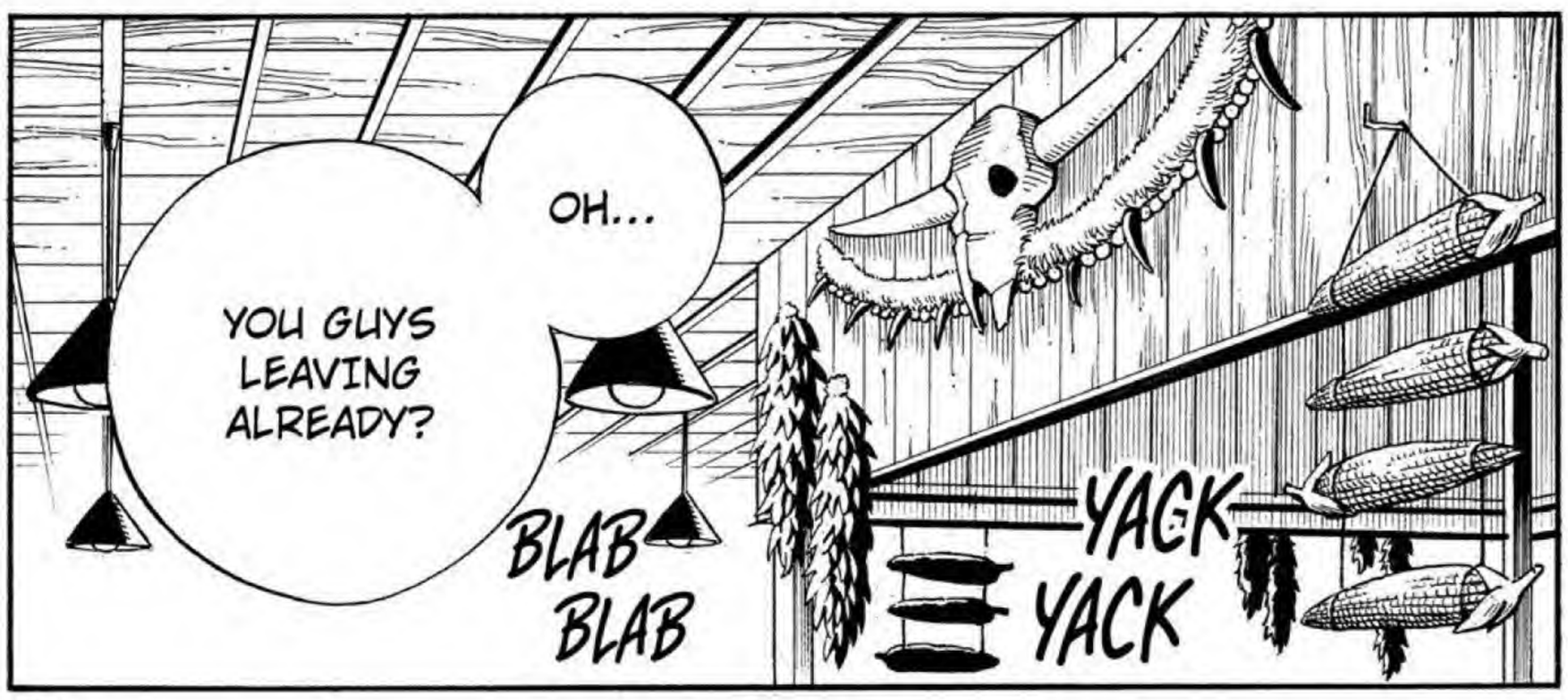
HUFF

HUFF

HUFF







SIGN: CORN KING

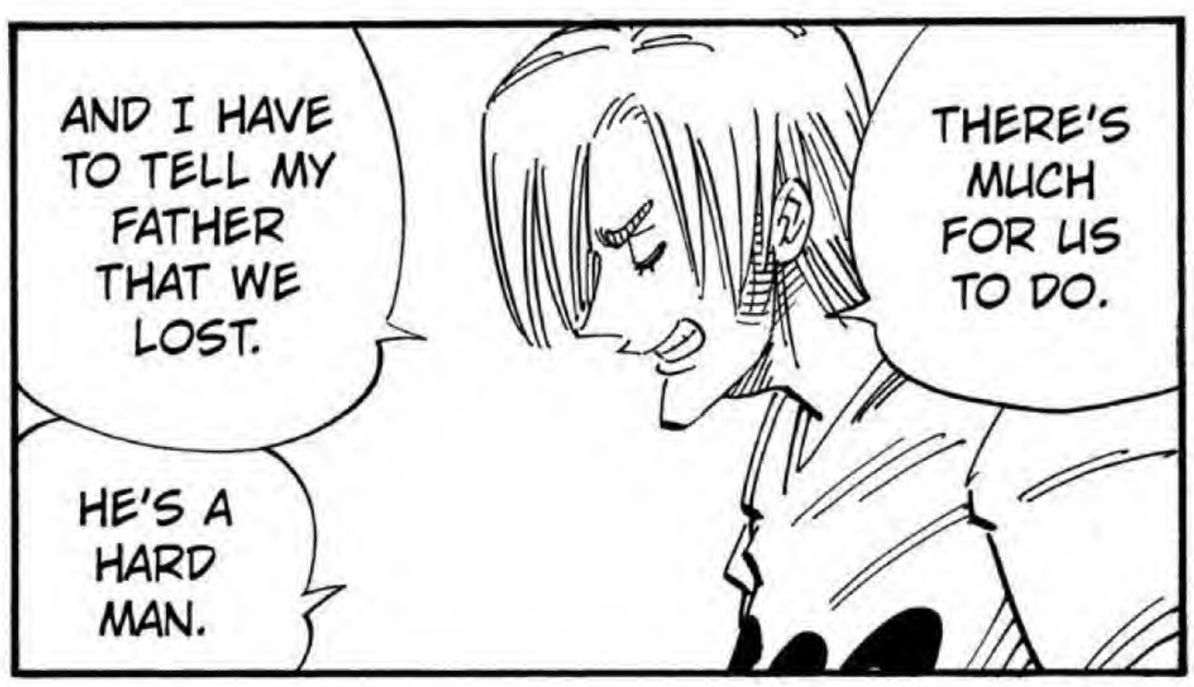
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR US HERE.

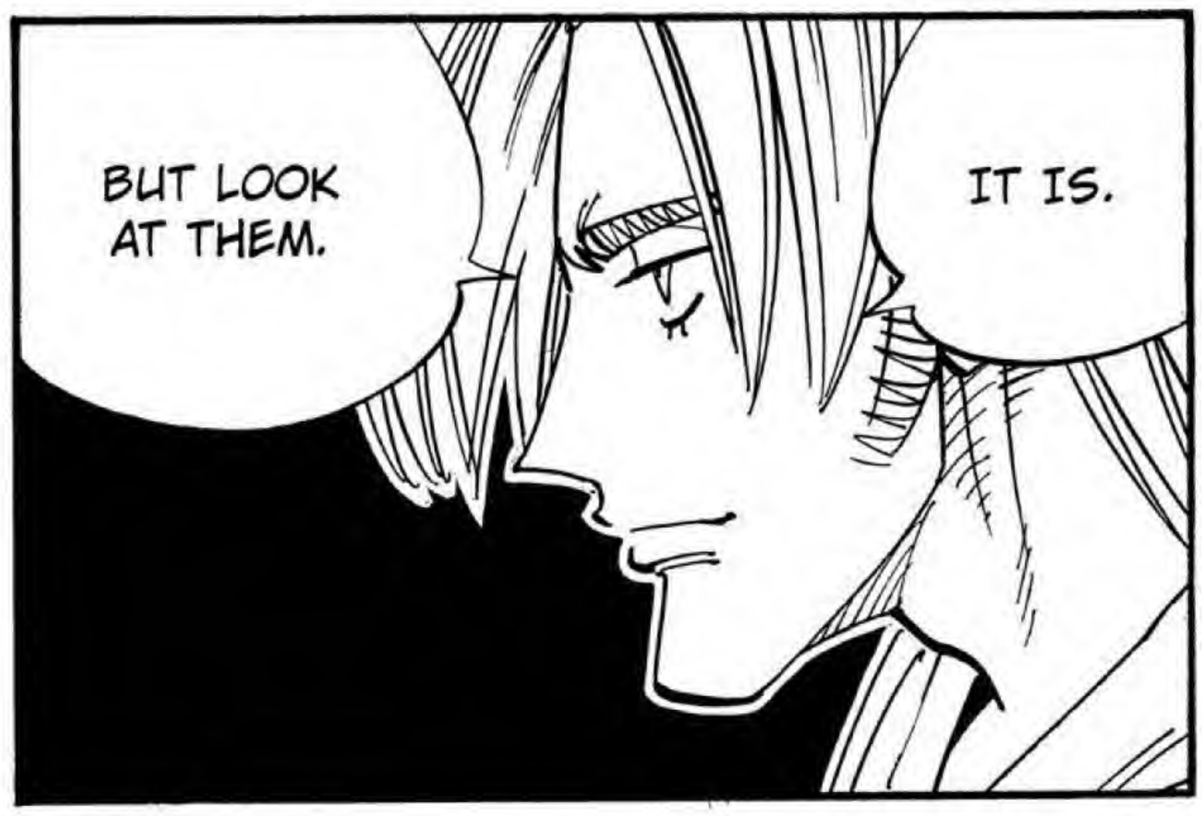
WE'RE TAKING THE FIRST BOAT TOMORROW MORNING.

YES.

BLAB BLAB

YACK YACK





FUNNY, EH? THEY'RE THEMSELVES AGAIN, LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.

SKWIK SKWIK

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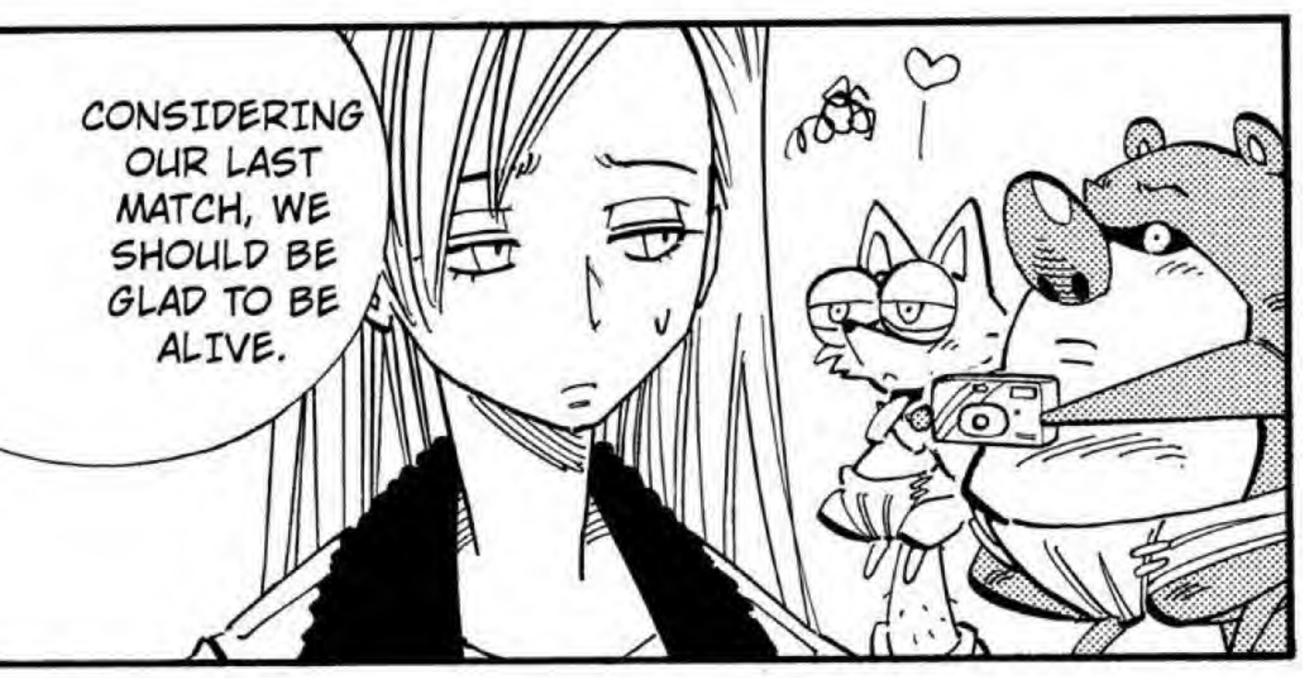
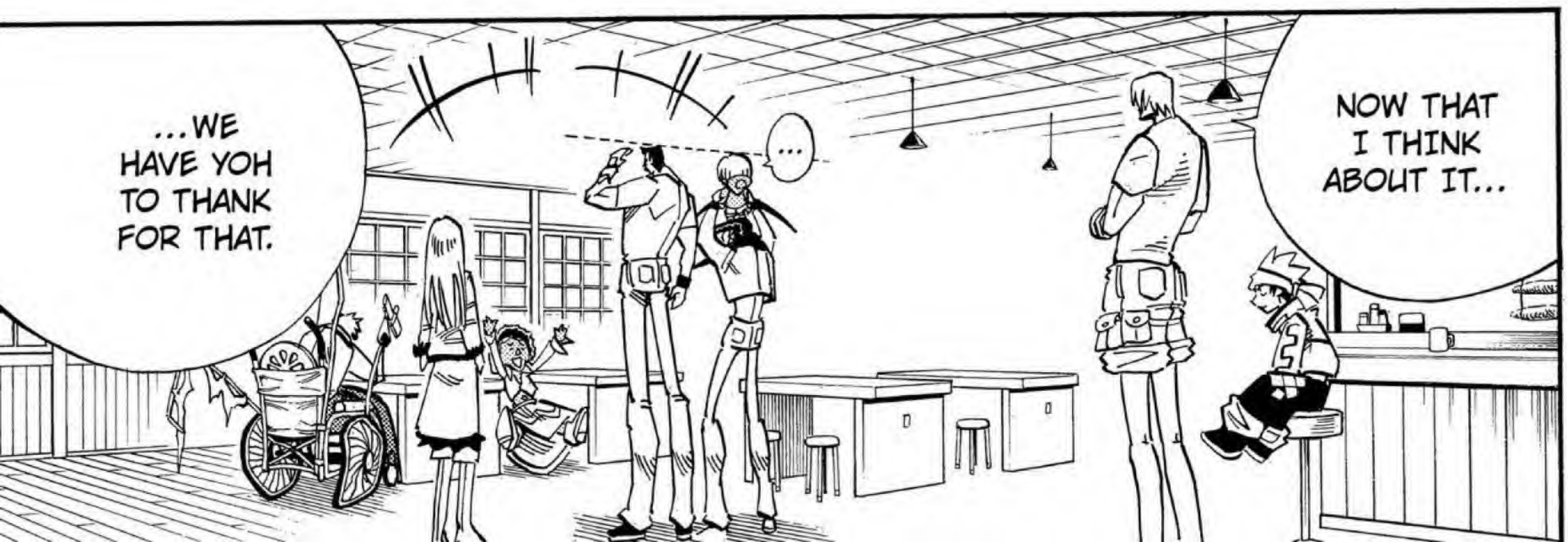
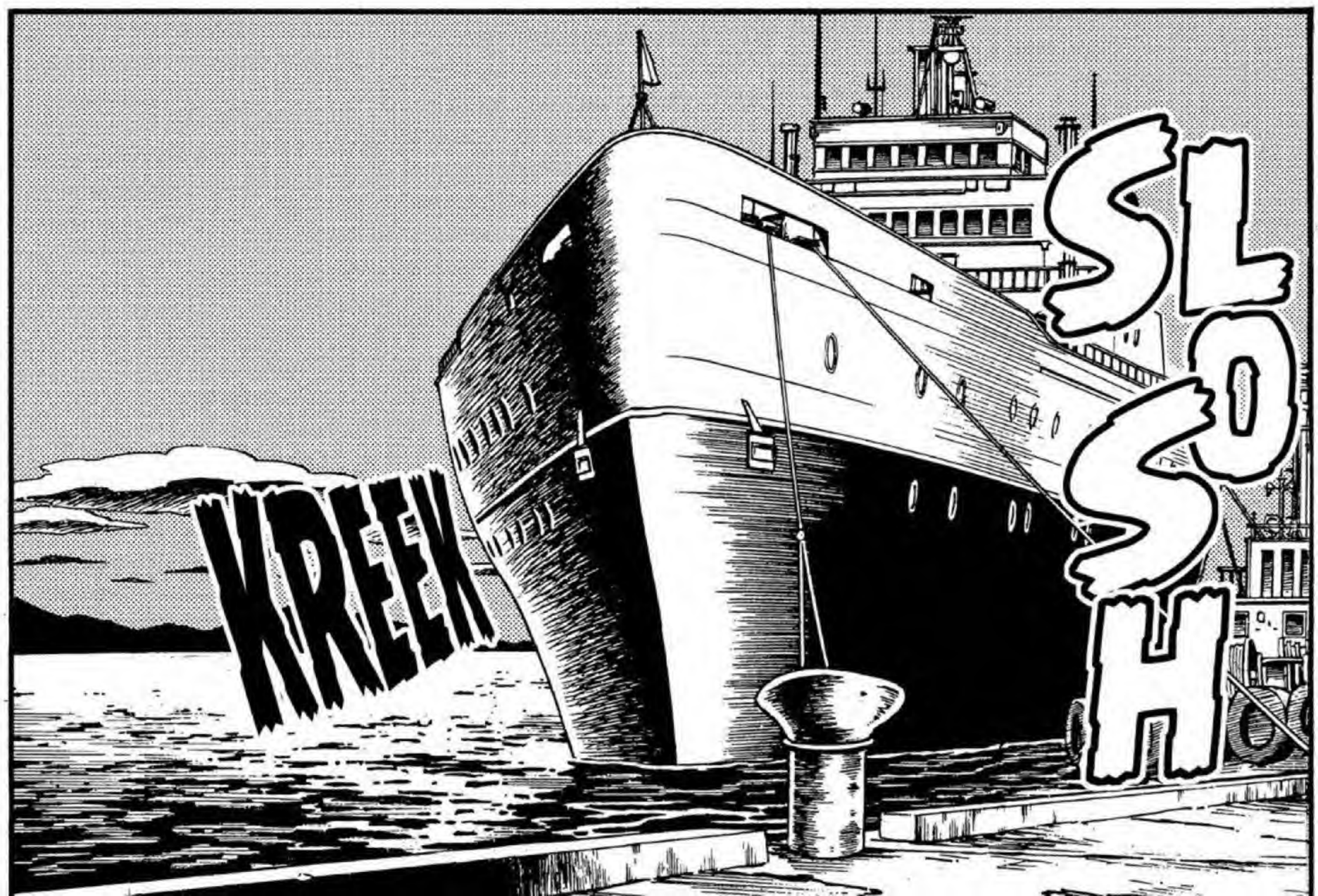
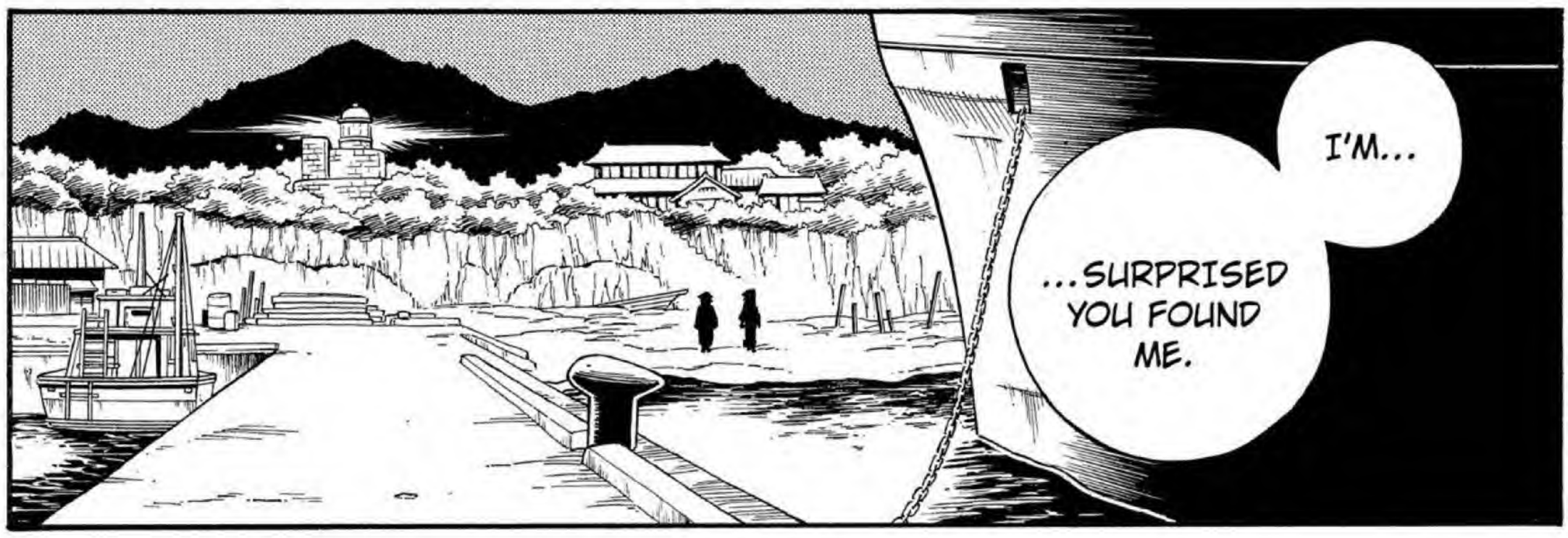




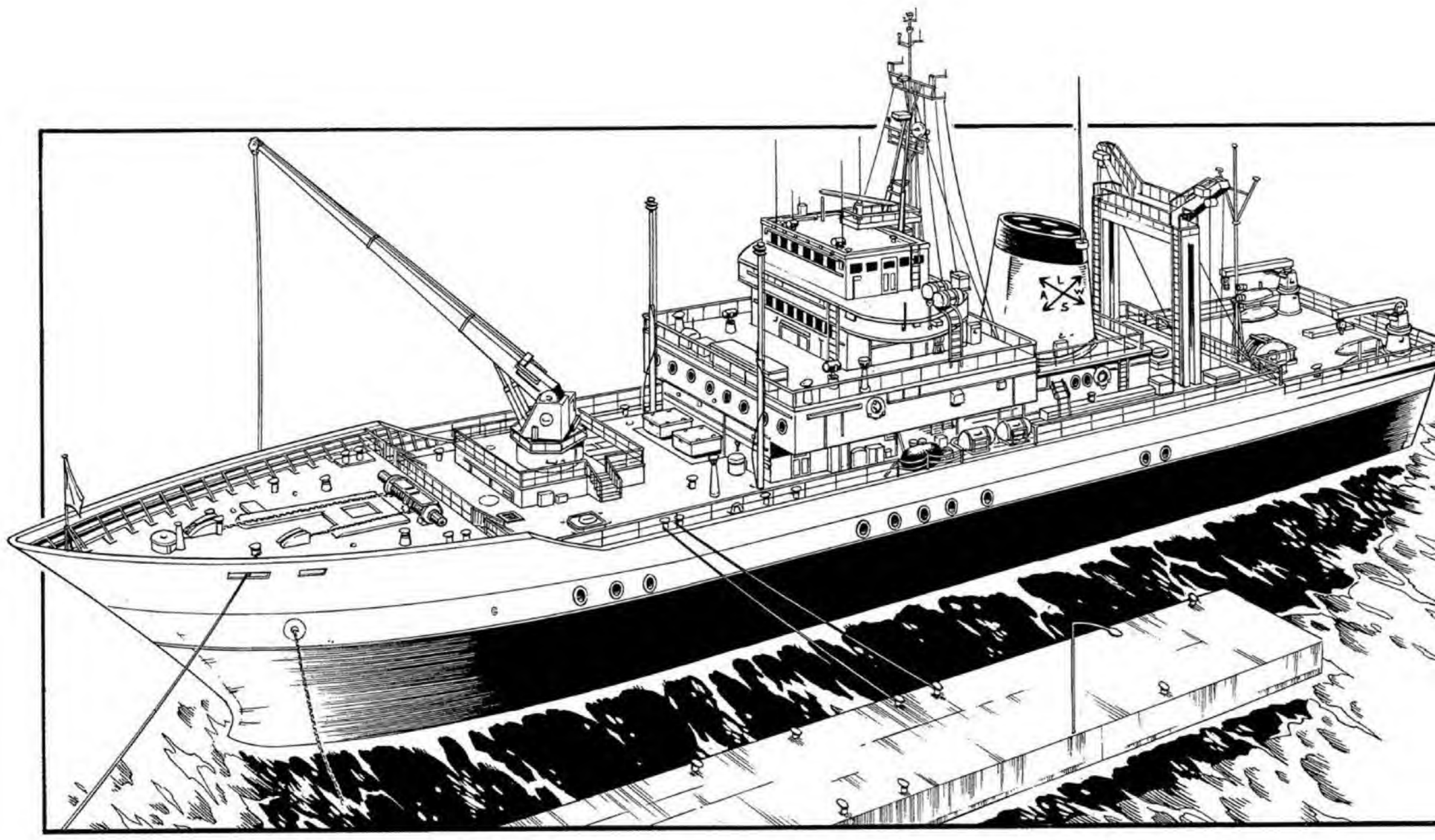
...TO DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE.

I FEEL THAT I CAN TRUST HIM...




I'M...
...SURPRISED YOU FOUND ME.

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D COME TO SEE ME...
...YOH.
SPLASH



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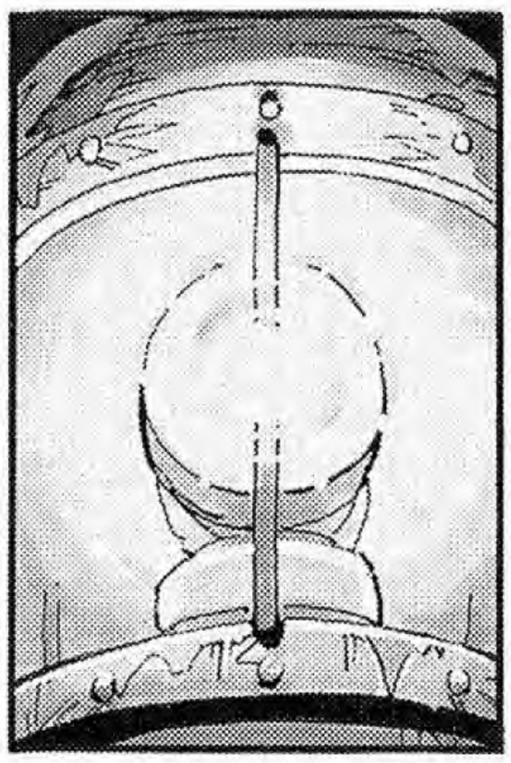
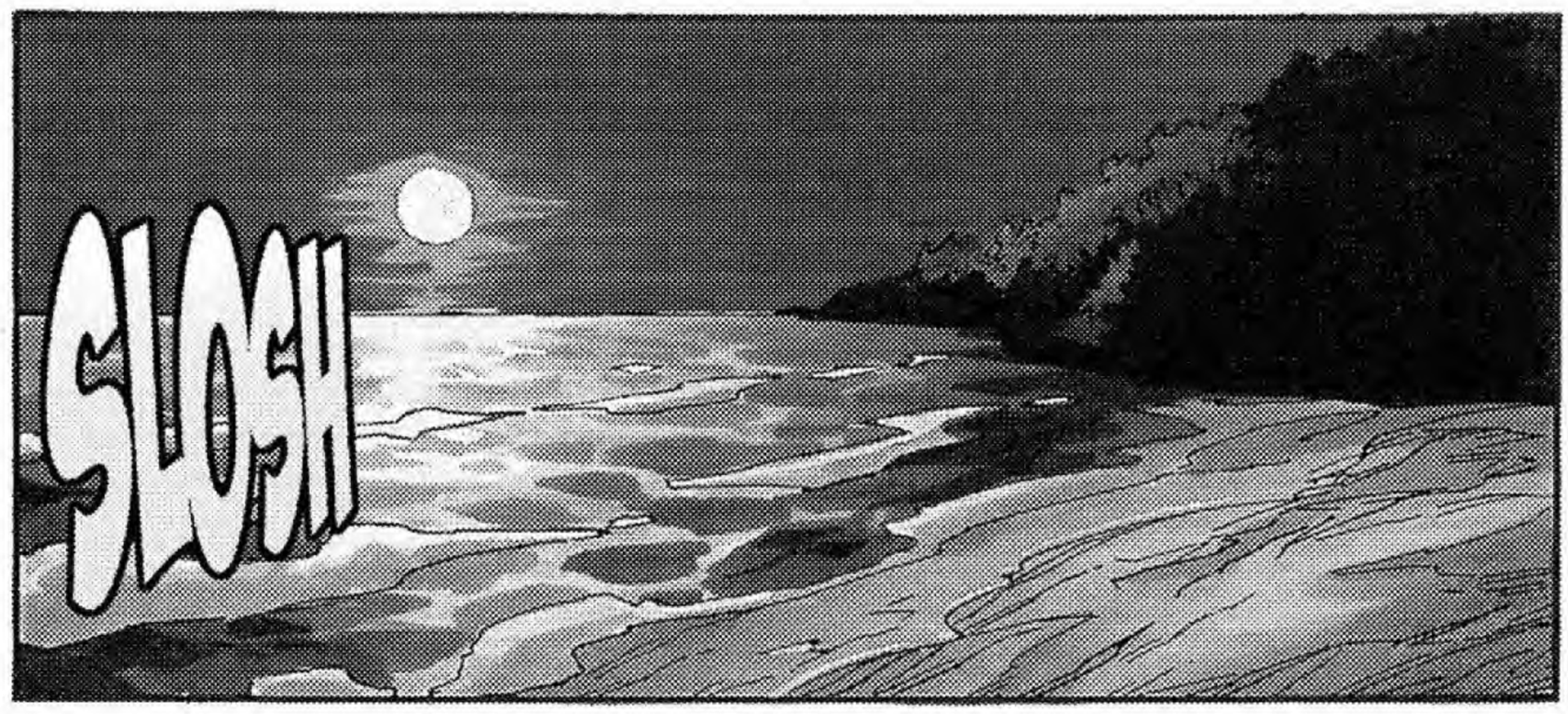
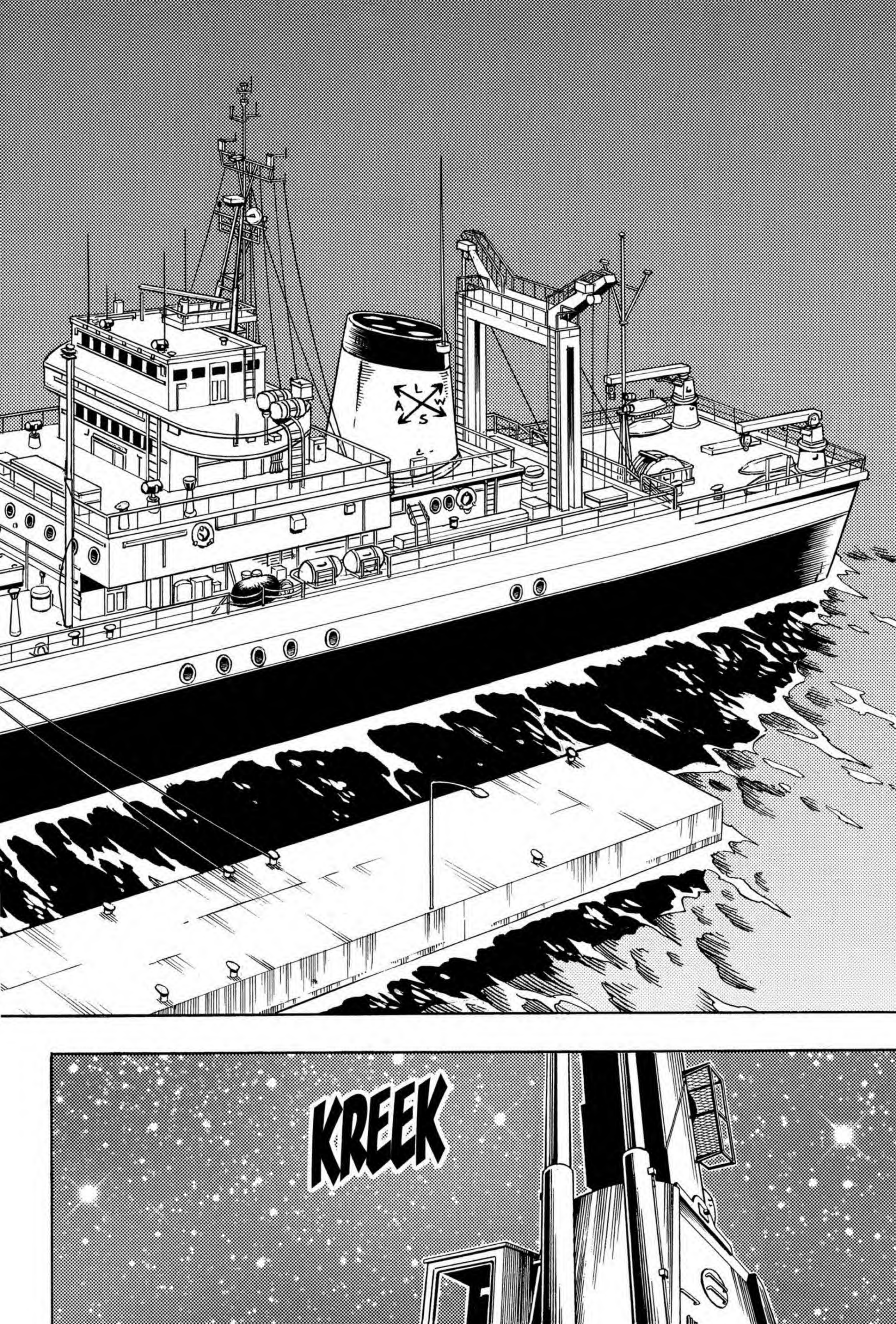




SLOOSH

Reincarnation 136:
Paradise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SPLASH
SPLOOSH

Shaman King

IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

YES, IT HAS BEEN.

...SINCE WE TALKED...

...LYSERG.

GOOD.

FINE...

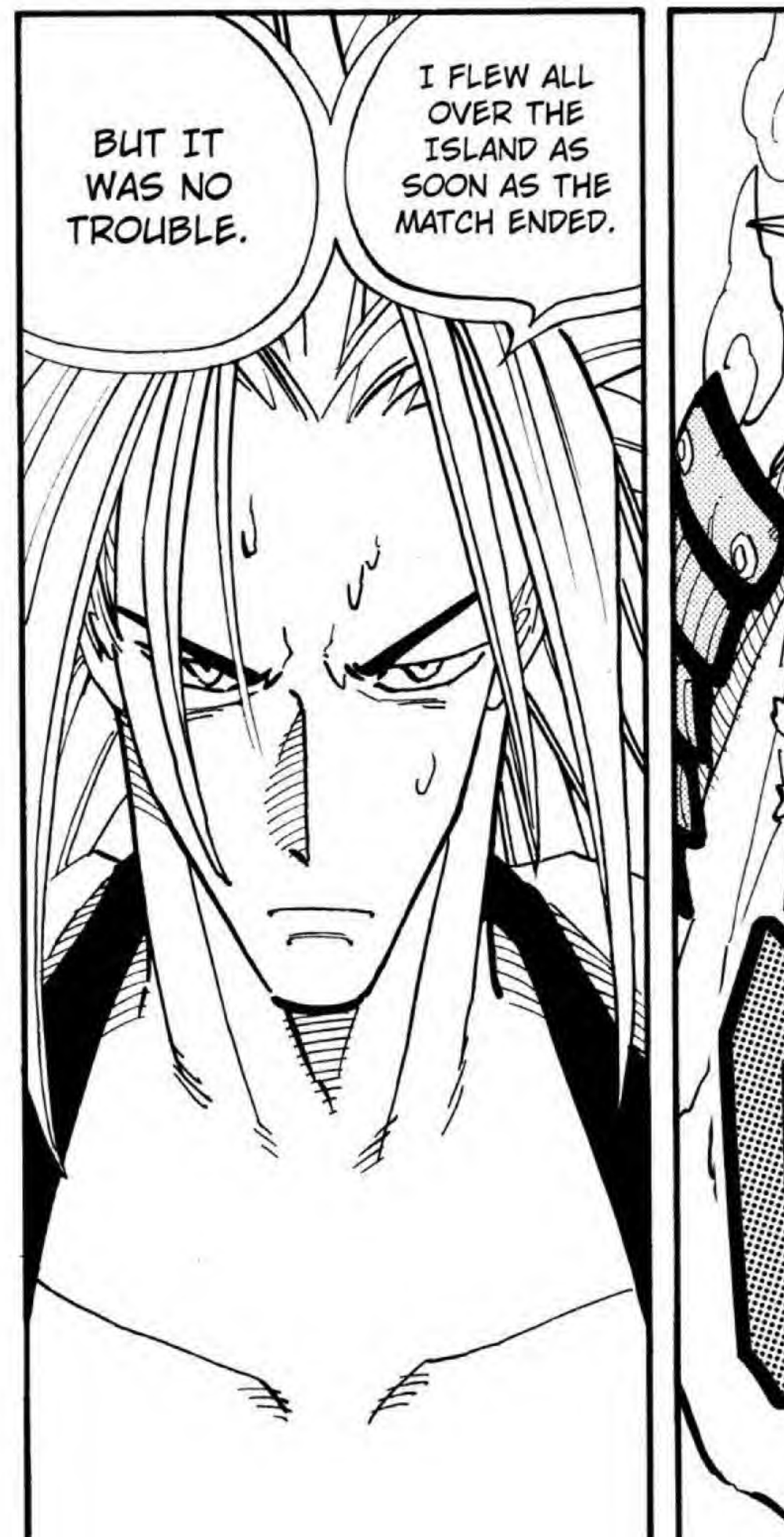
...THANK YOU.

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

YOU SAID YOU WERE FINE.
I JUST CAME TO SEE HOW YOU WERE DOING.

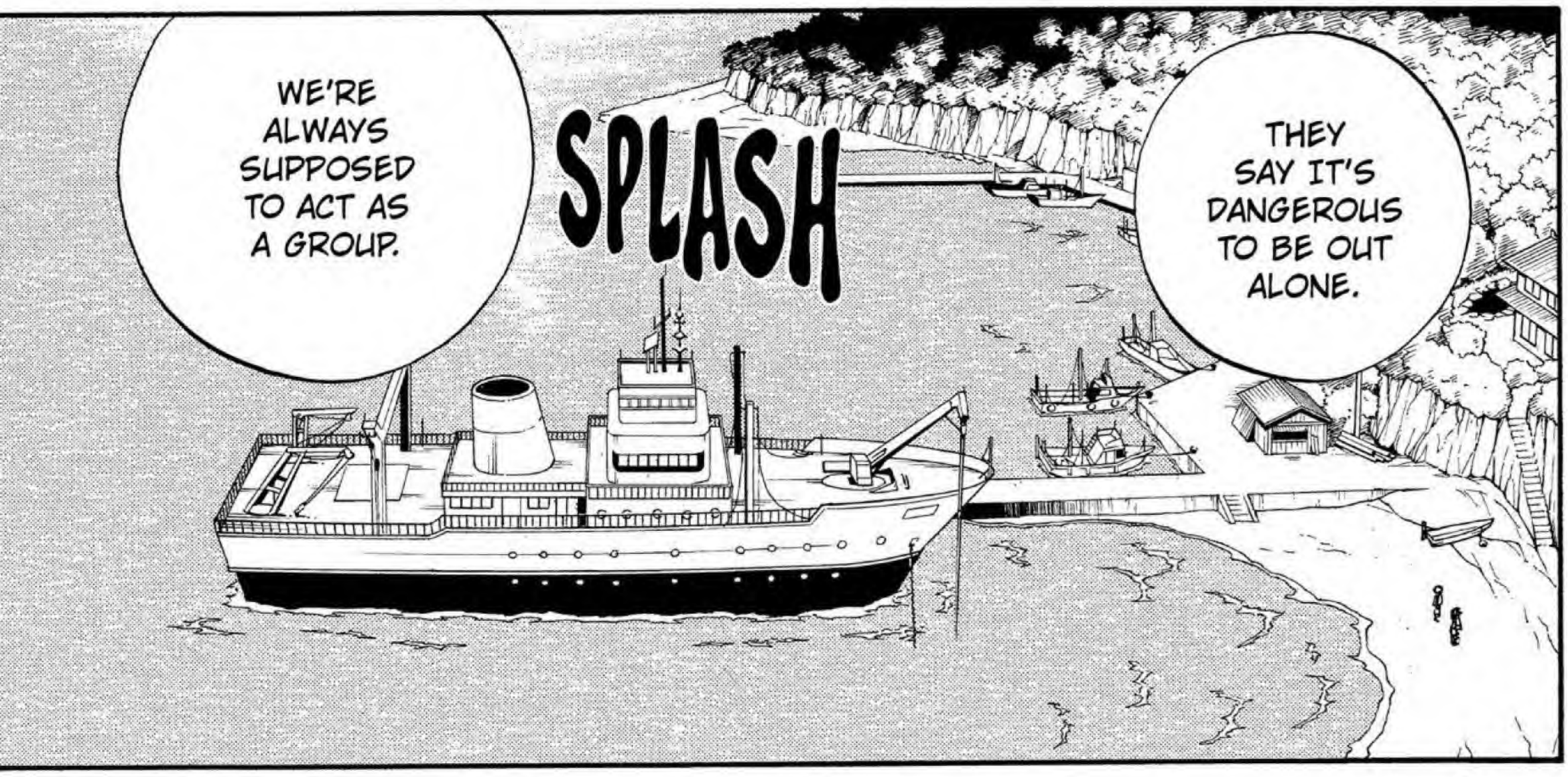
BUT WASN'T IT A LOT OF TROUBLE TO FIND ME?
HUH? OH... RIGHT.

WHAT?
I GOTTA GET UP EARLY. I'D BETTER GO TURN IN.
WELL, THEN...
YAWN
ALREADY ?!


BUT IT WAS NO TROUBLE.
I FLEW ALL OVER THE ISLAND AS SOON AS THE MATCH ENDED.

NOT FOR ME...
FOR AMIDAMARU, MAYBE.
DOOM

YOU'LL WAKE THE OTHERS!!
NOT SO LOUD!
IT WAS NOTHING!
DON'T BE AFRAID TO ADMIT IT WAS HARD.



THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU, TOO.

SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR YOU.

HA HA HA

YOU DID?

HOW COULD I REFUSE YOU?

STARE

BUT YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE ME.

BUT I MIGHT'VE FALTERED IF I'D STAYED WITH YOU GUYS. I WAS AFRAID.

YOU HELPED ME A LOT IN AMERICA.

THEN I LEFT WITHOUT TELLING YOU. THAT WAS WRONG OF ME.

...WANTED TO APOLOGIZE.

I...

SPLASH

I FORGOT HOW EASYGOING YOU ARE. I SUPPOSE I NEEDN'T HAVE WORRIED.

HA HA...

YOU WERE FREE TO LEAVE WHENEVER YOU WISHED.

LORD YOH WOULD NOT HAVE HELD IT AGAINST YOU.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE. RIGHT, AMIDAMARU?

...

?

YOU SHOULD COME VISIT US SOMETIME.

BRING THE OTHERS IF YOU HAVE TO.

TMP

WELL, I'D BETTER GET BACK, OR ANNA WILL KICK MY BUTT.

YOH...

SLOOSH

AND LYSERG... DON'T BE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF.

THANKS...

...FOR COMING.

MARCO!

...!

YOU'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY.

...GOOD CHILDREN ARE IN BED BY EIGHT O'CLOCK.

TMP

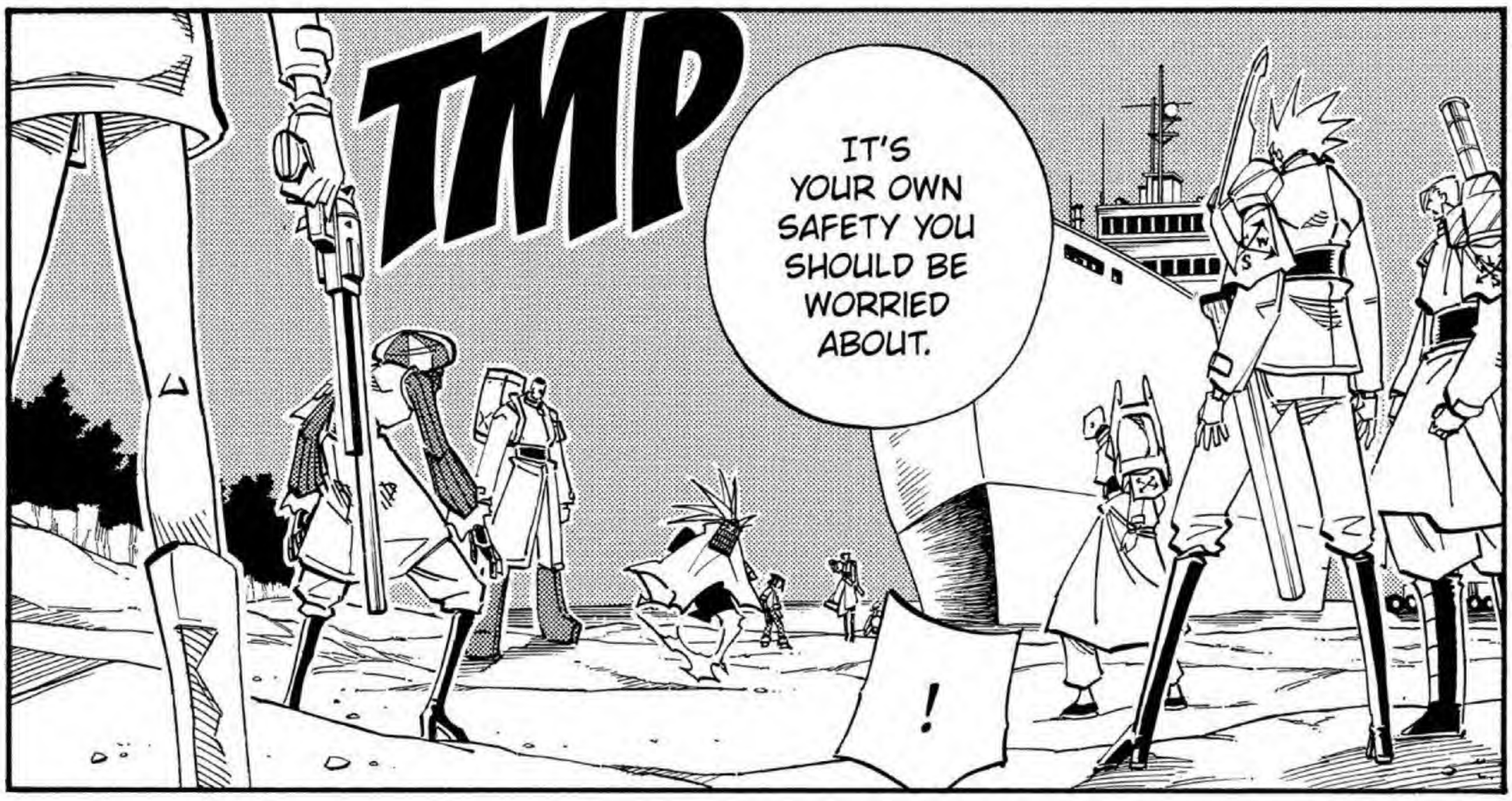
LYSERG...

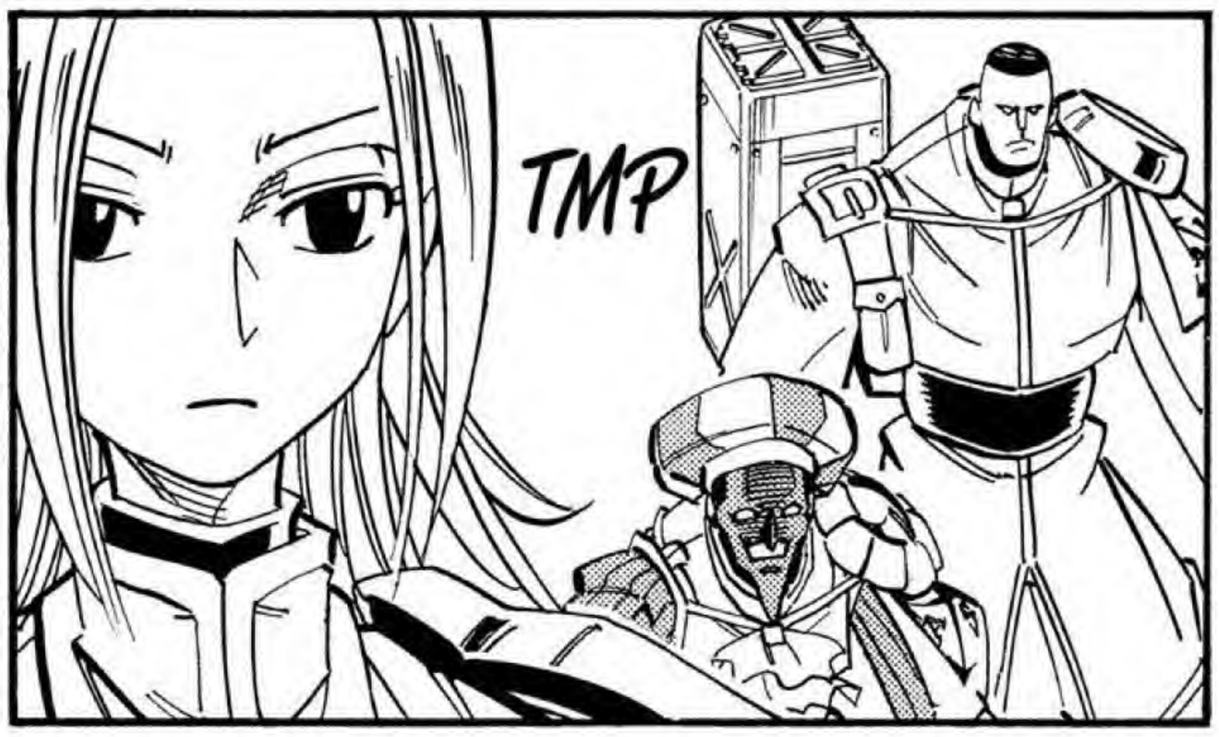
WHAM

IT'S JUST A LITTLE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT. NO BIG DEAL.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE.
CHAK

LYSERG !!
!!!

AH!!


TMP
IT'S YOUR OWN SAFETY YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT.
!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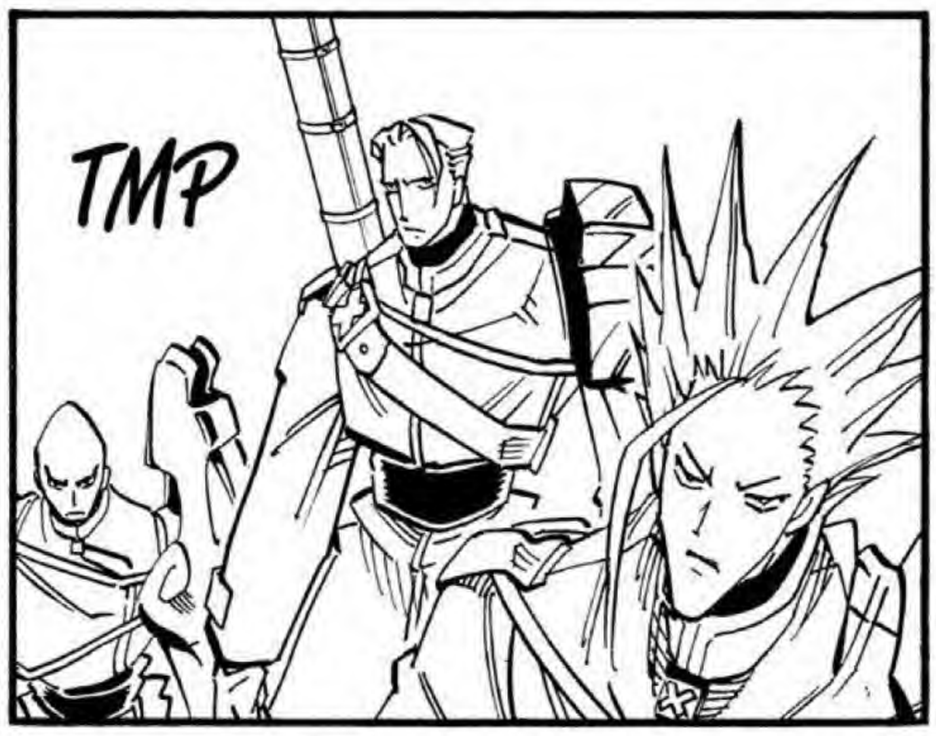
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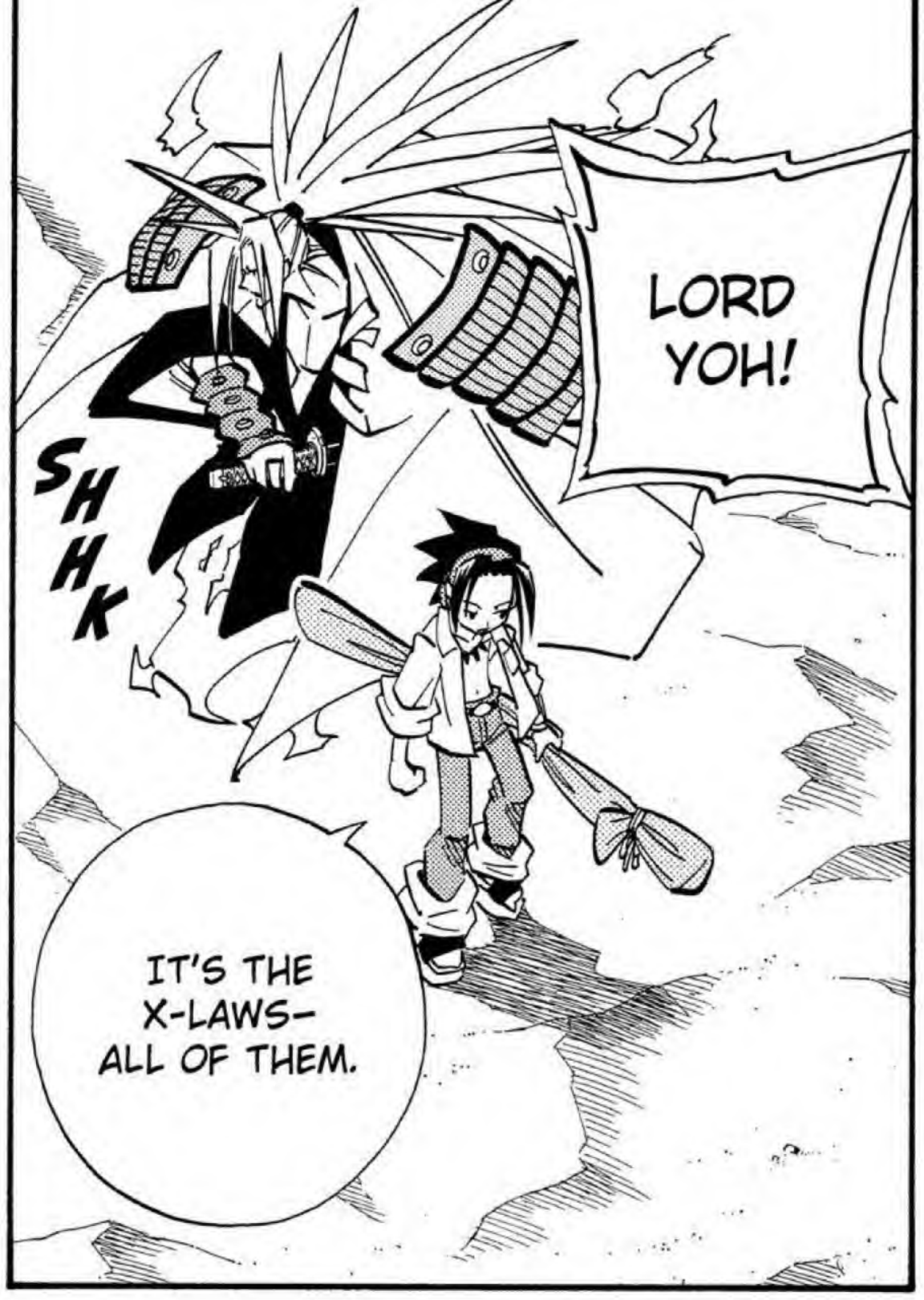
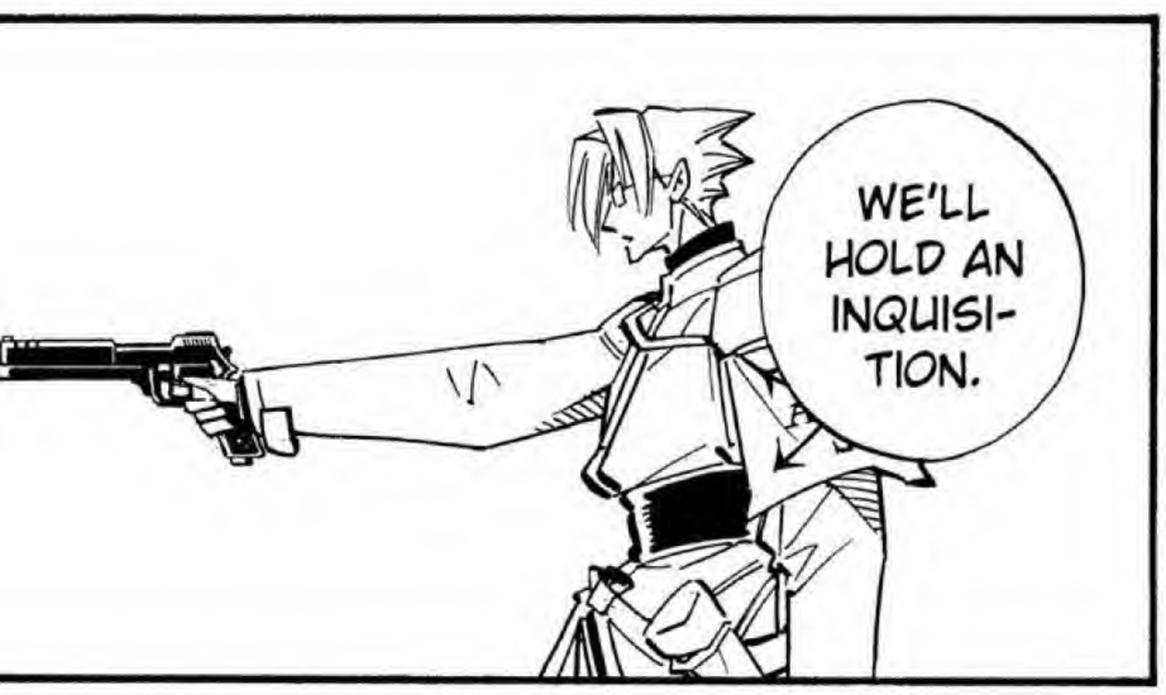
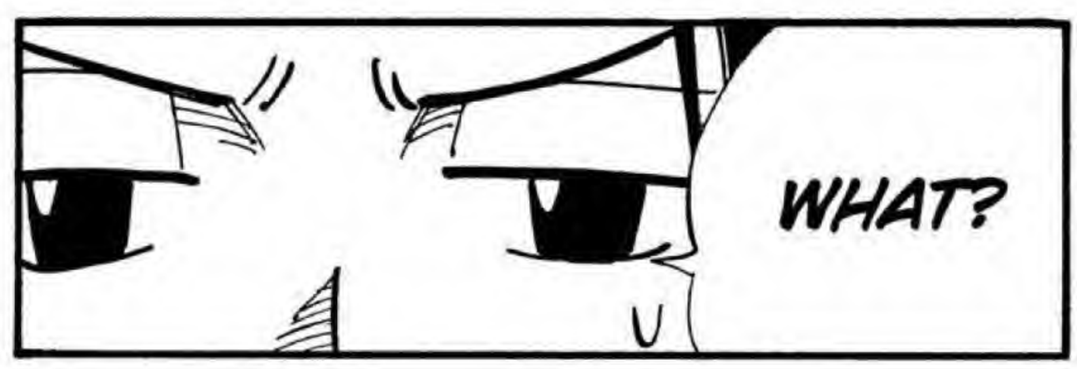
I'M NOT HERE TO SEE YOU.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?


LORD YOH!
SHHK
IT'S THE X-LAWS- ALL OF THEM.

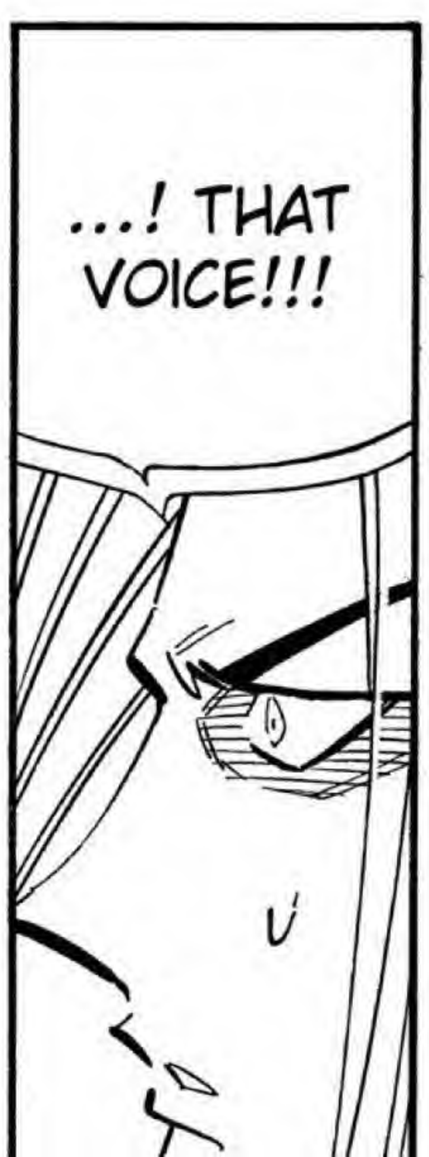

WE'LL HOLD AN INQUISI-TION.

...COME TO LURE OUR COLLEAGUES AWAY.
YOU MAY BE ONE OF HAO'S EVIL MINIONS...

YOH!!


WHAT?

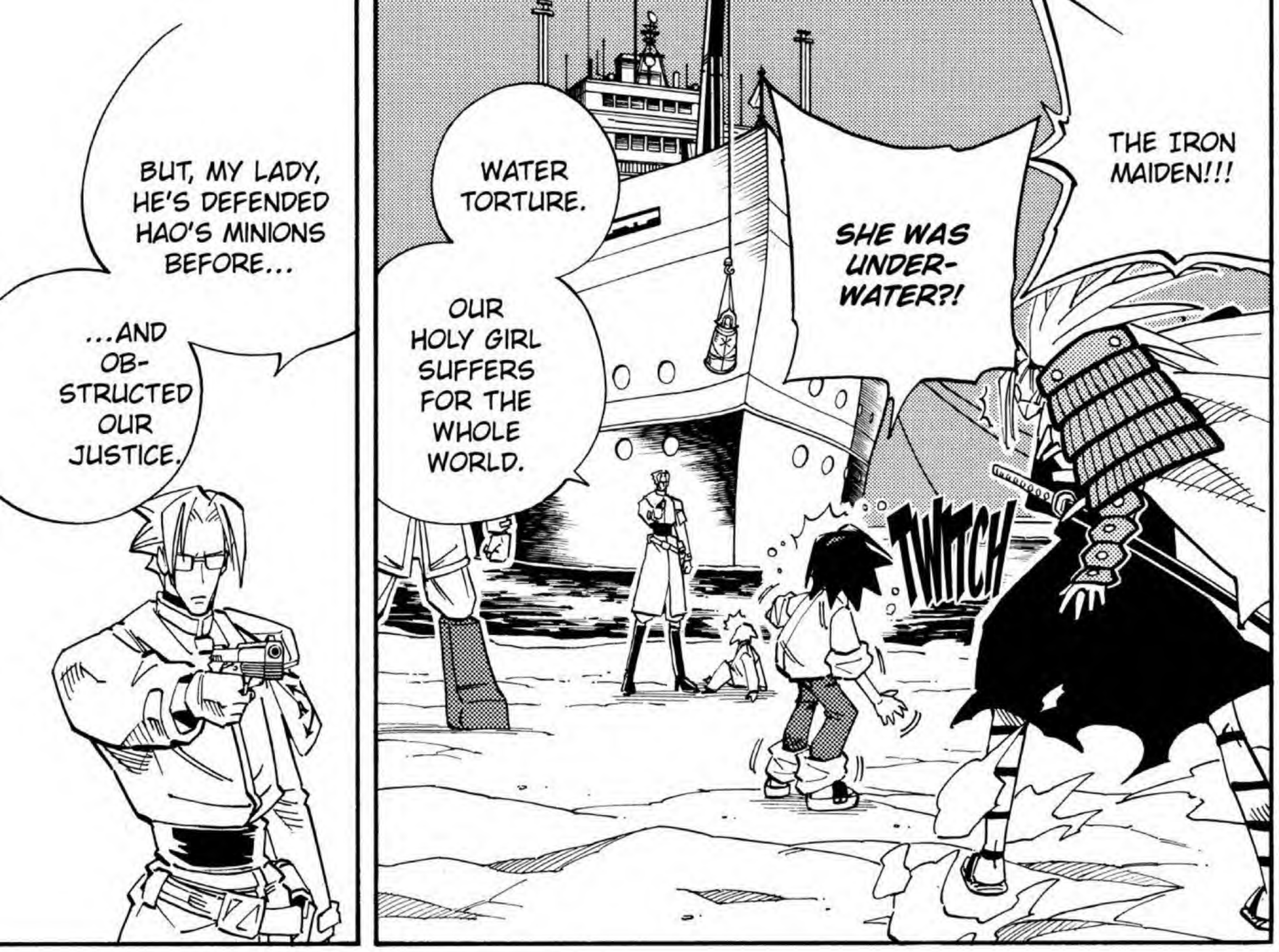
I FELT HIS MANA IN THE LAST MATCH.
IT WAS SERENE.


...! THAT VOICE!!!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, MARCO.
!

KLANG

...IS NOT EVIL.
HE...


BUT, MY LADY, HE'S DEFENDED HAO'S MINIONS BEFORE...
...AND OB-STRUCTED OUR JUSTICE.
WATER TORTURE.
OUR HOLY GIRL SUFFERS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.
SHE WAS UNDER-WATER?!
THE IRON MAIDEN!!!
TWITCH

IT'S RUDE TO THREATEN A FRIEND.
LOWER YOUR WEAPON, MARCO.

HE CAME HERE TO VISIT LYSERG DIETHEL, OUR COLLEAGUE.
A FRIEND TO ONE OF US...
...IS A FRIEND TO US ALL.

YES...
KLIK

WE SHOULD WELCOME HIM WITH OPEN ARMS.
HOW NICE.

...AS A FELLOW X-LAW.

WE SHOULD WELCOME HIM...

POP

...YOH ASAKURA?

RIGHT...

HUH?

sploosh

...DID SHE SAY?!

WHAT...

WHA ...?

LOOK HOW CALM AND COMPOSED HE IS, EVEN NOW.

HIS MANA COULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO US.

...

duh...

DON'T BE SILLY, MARCO.

YOU MUST BE JOKING!!

AND YOU'VE EXPOSED YOUR FACE!! IT'S IMMODEST!!

WILL YOU HELP US DEFEAT HAO AND CREATE A PARADISE ON EARTH?

WHAT DO YOU THINK, YOH ASAKURA?

HE'S A LAZY BUM !!!

NOT A CHANCE.

WHUP WHUP

OH.

UM...

AND ANYWAY, I DON'T LIKE YOUR WAYS.

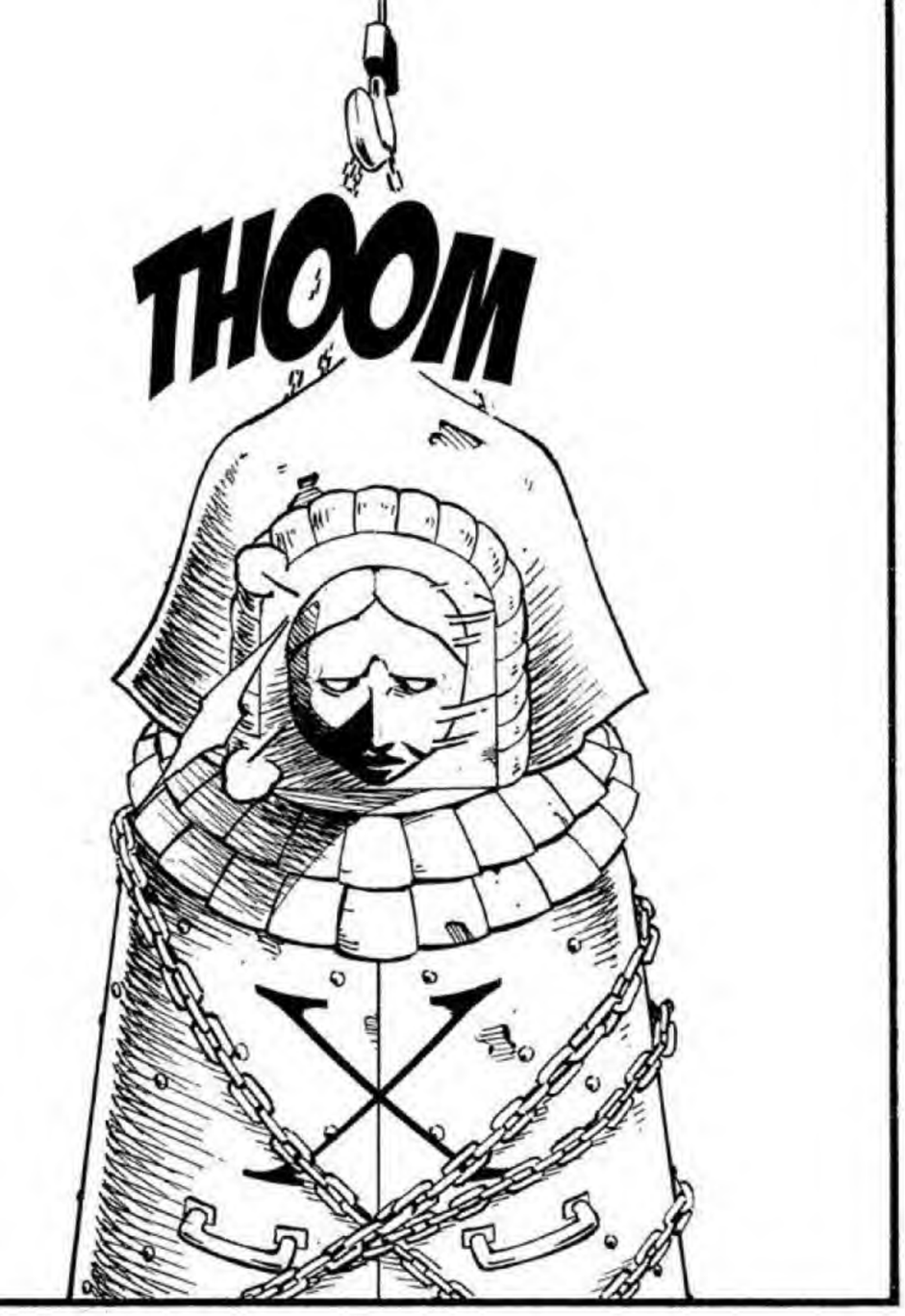
ANNA WOULD NEVER ALLOW IT.

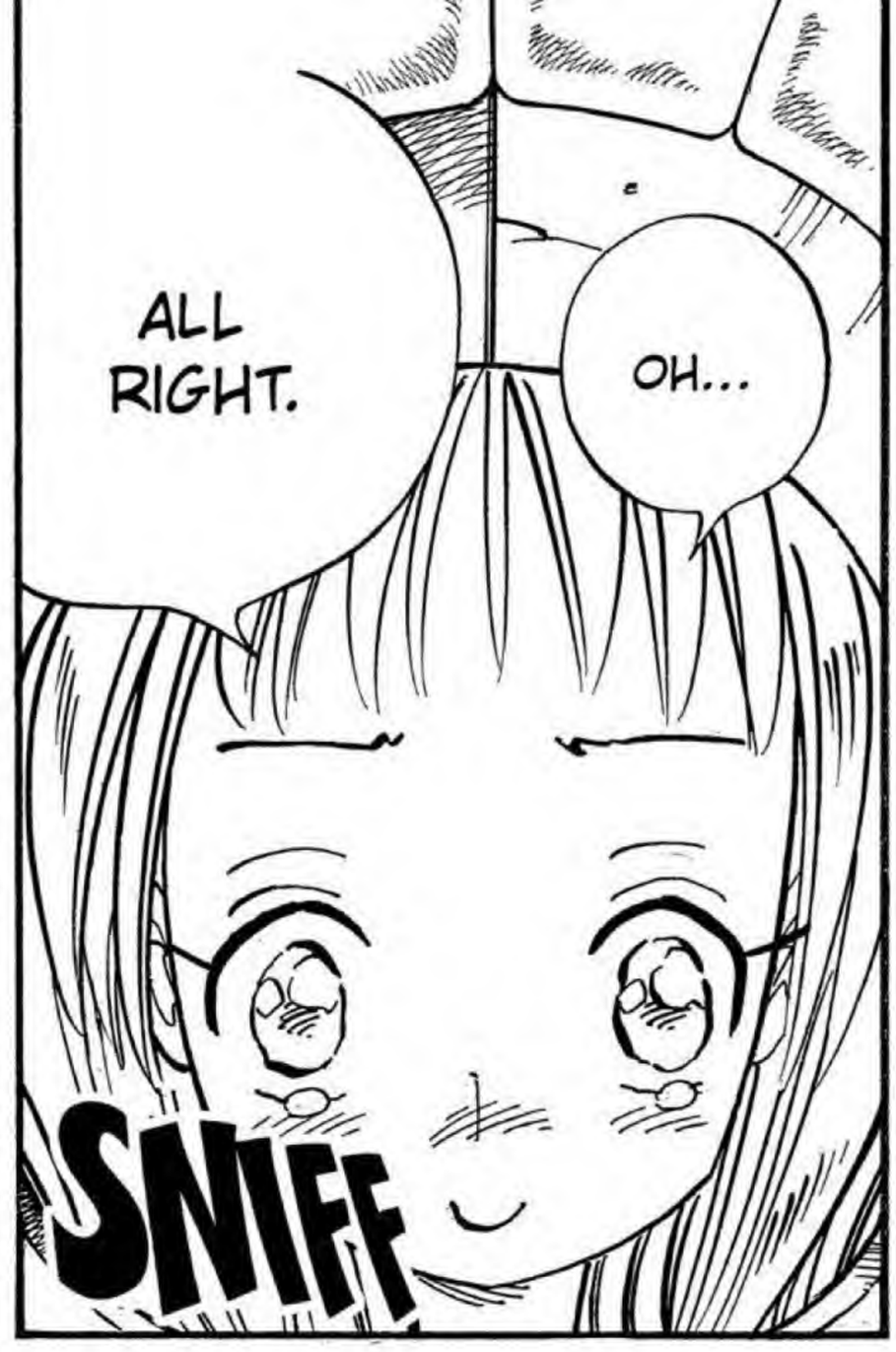
...

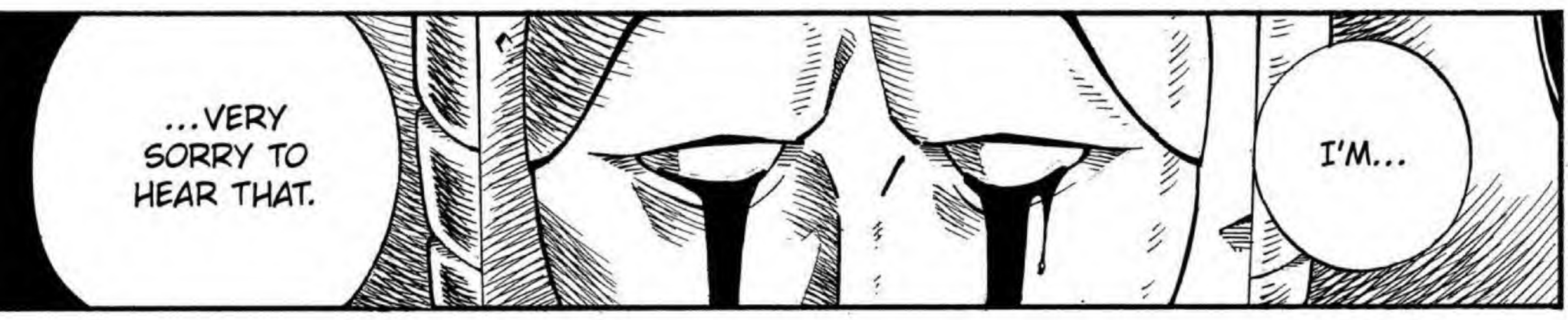
CHANK

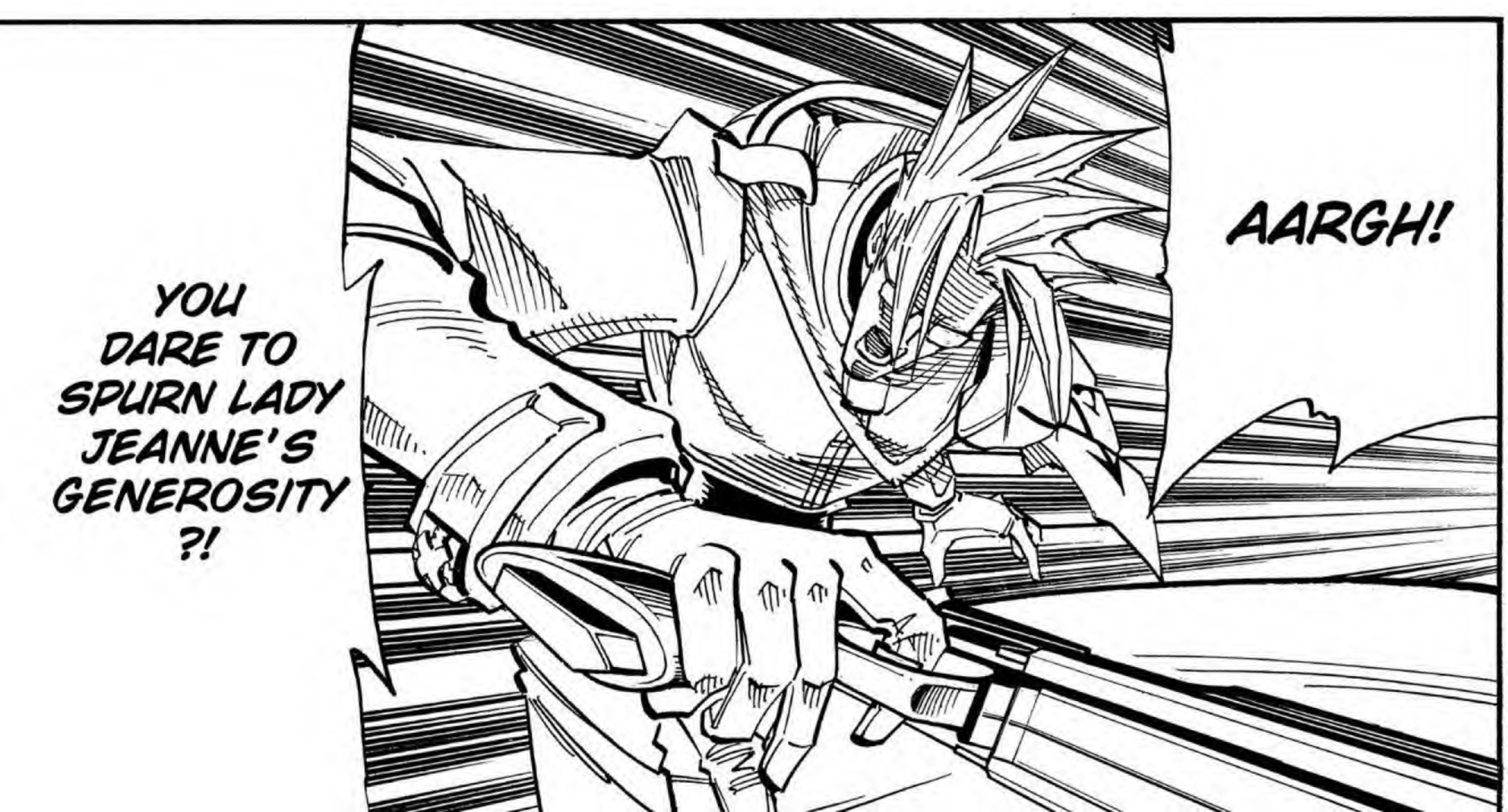
L–

YOH...


THOOM


ALL RIGHT.
OH...
SNIFF


...VERY SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
I'M...


YOU DARE TO SPURN LADY JEANNE'S GENEROSITY ?!
AARGH!

DOOM

LIKE I SAID...
I DON'T LIKE YOUR WAYS.

STOP IT, MARCO.

...THAT WE MUST ONE DAY PASS JUDGMENT ON HIM.

IT'S UNFORTUNATE ...

BUT HE'S NOT NECESSARILY SUPERIOR TO US.

YOH ASAKURA IS A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT...

KLIK

WHY DO YOU GUYS ALWAYS GET SO WORKED UP?

SEE YOU TOMORROW AT THE SHAMAN FIGHT.

GOOD NIGHT, IRON MAIDEN.

SLOOSH

SHAMAN KING CHARACTER FILE No.79

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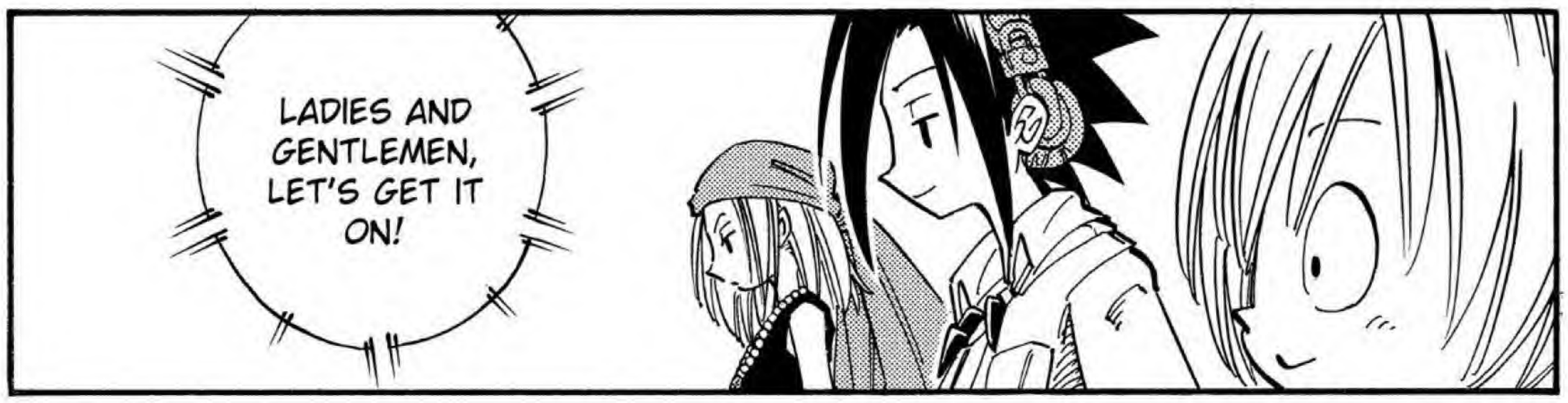
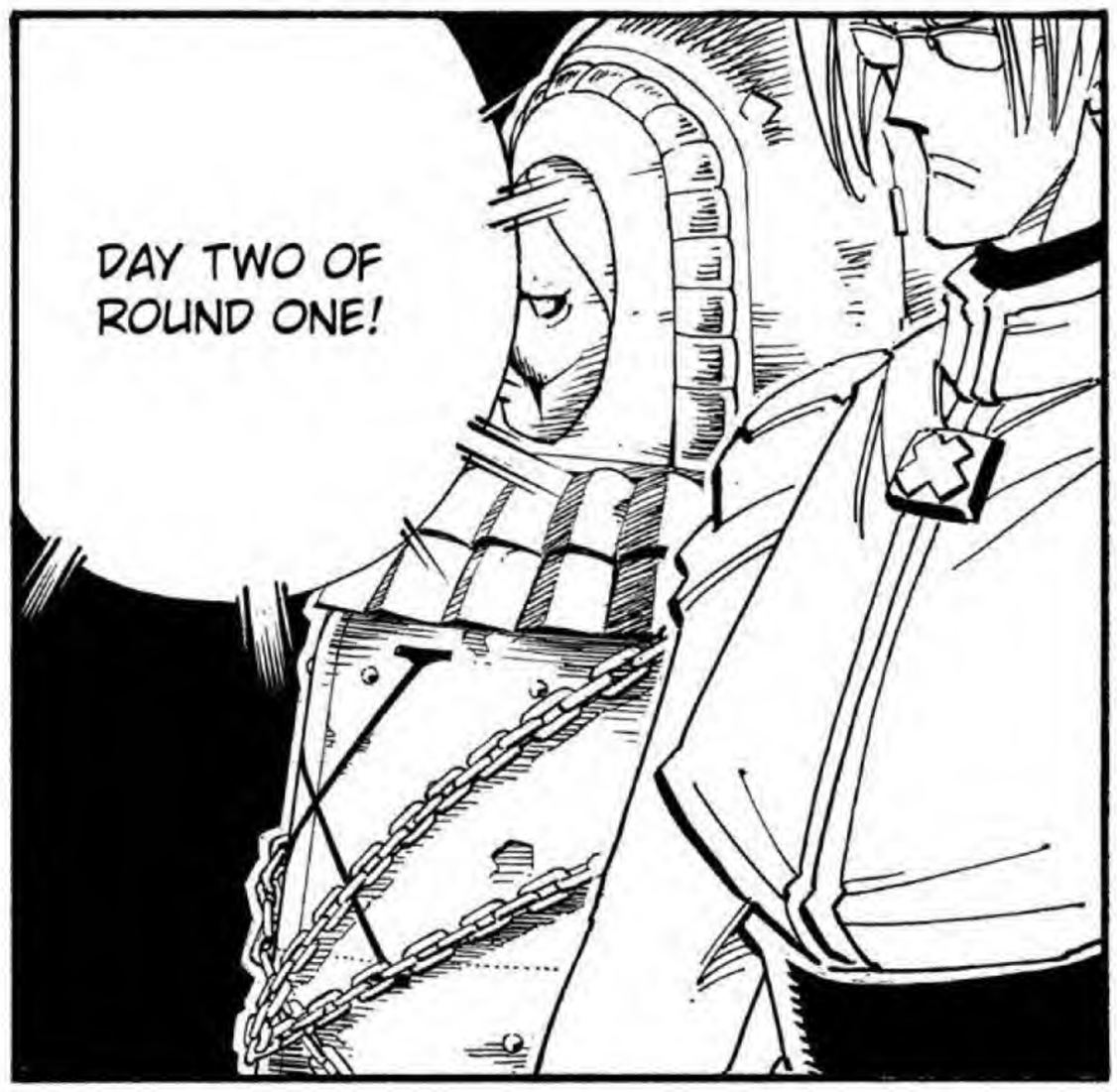
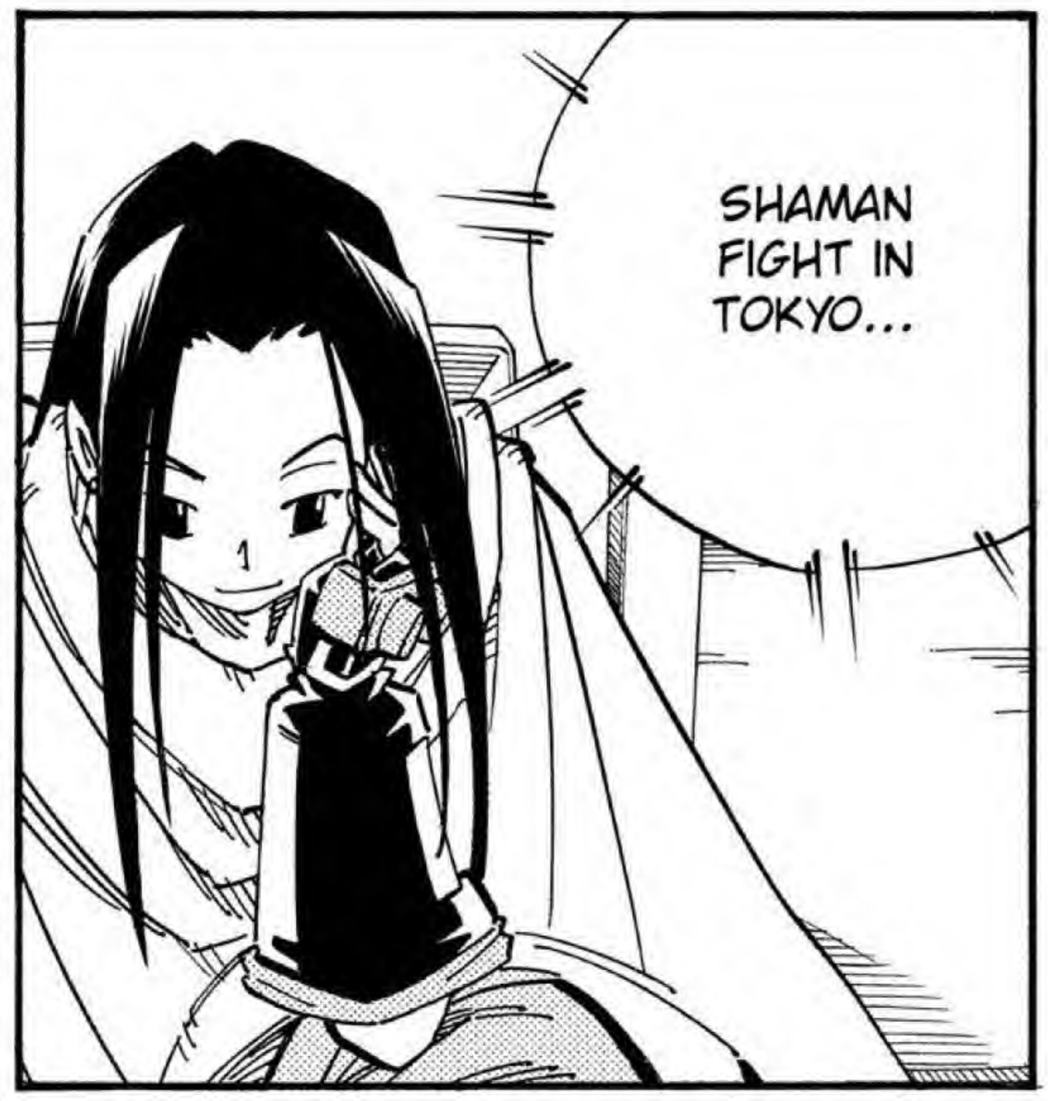
Reincarnation 137: Burning Angel

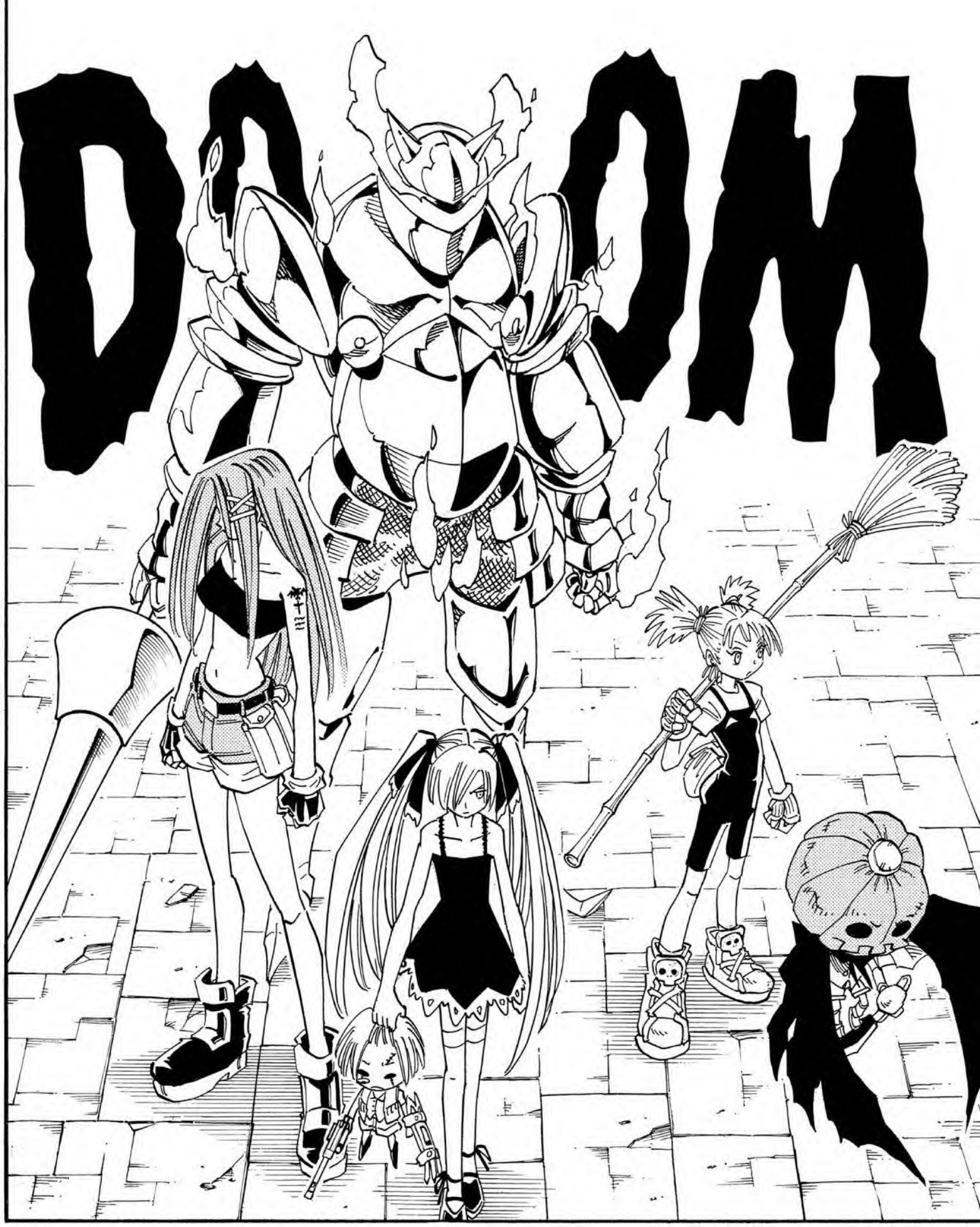


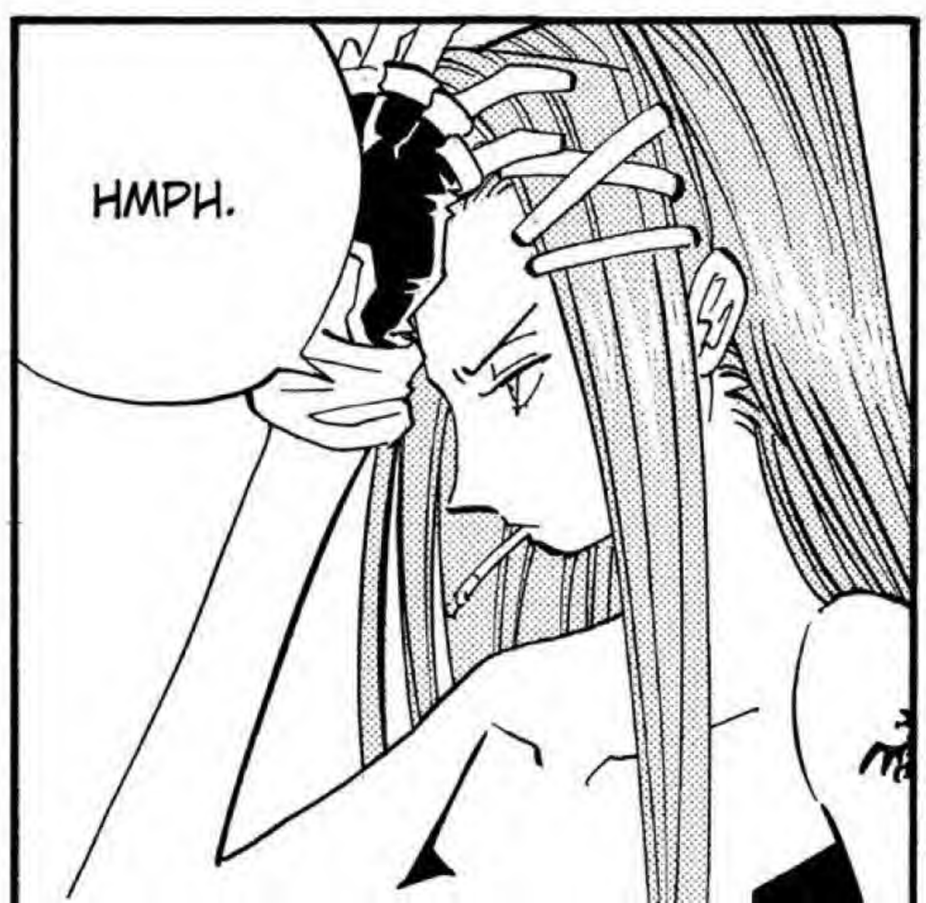




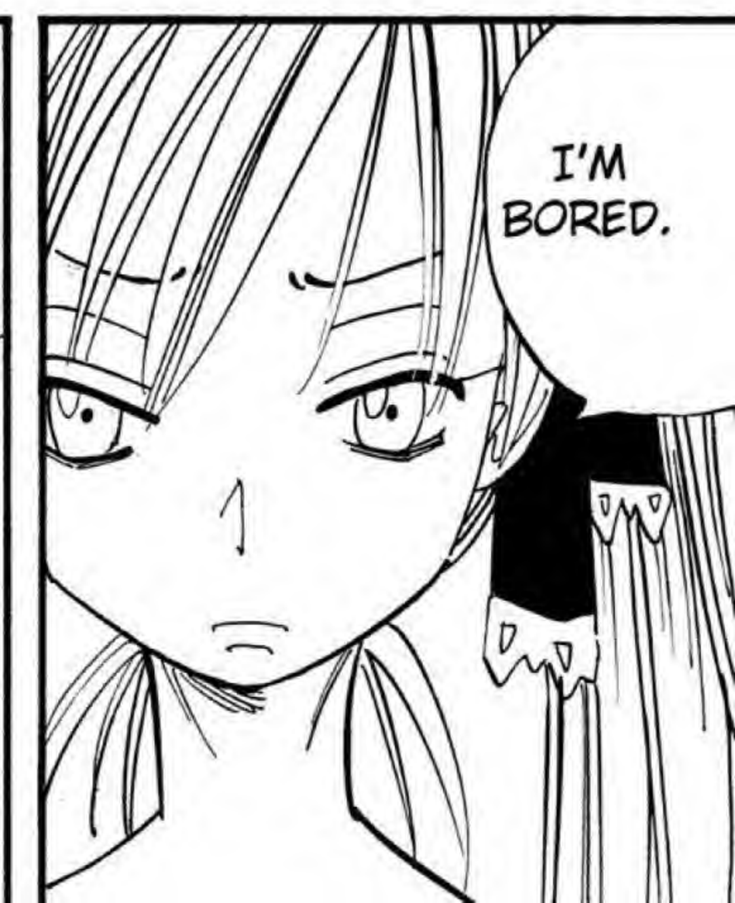
KA
IT'S TIME FOR MATCH FOUR! OH YEAH!
A
BOOM
AAAA

Reincarnation 137: Burning Angel


DOOM


HMPH.

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, MARY?


I'M BORED.

WE DIDN'T GET TO DO ANYTHING.

YOU WERE OVER-ZEALOUS.

KAI ZER

OH WELL. THE SOONER IT'S OVER, THE SOONER THE FUN CAN BEGIN.

YEAH, THEY WERE!!

BUT THEY WERE CREEPY, CANNA.

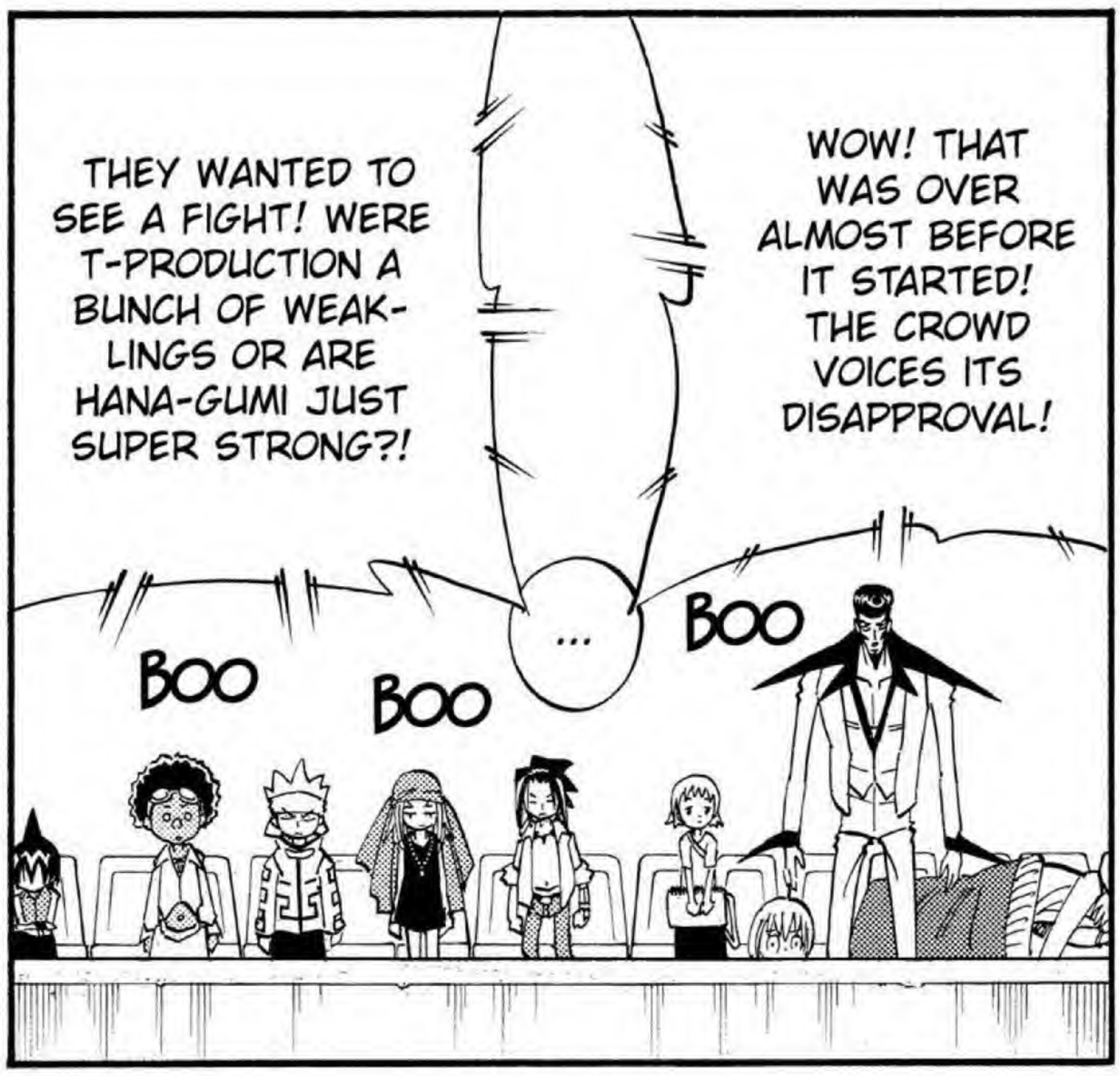
T-PRODUCTION VS. HANA-GUMI...

UM...

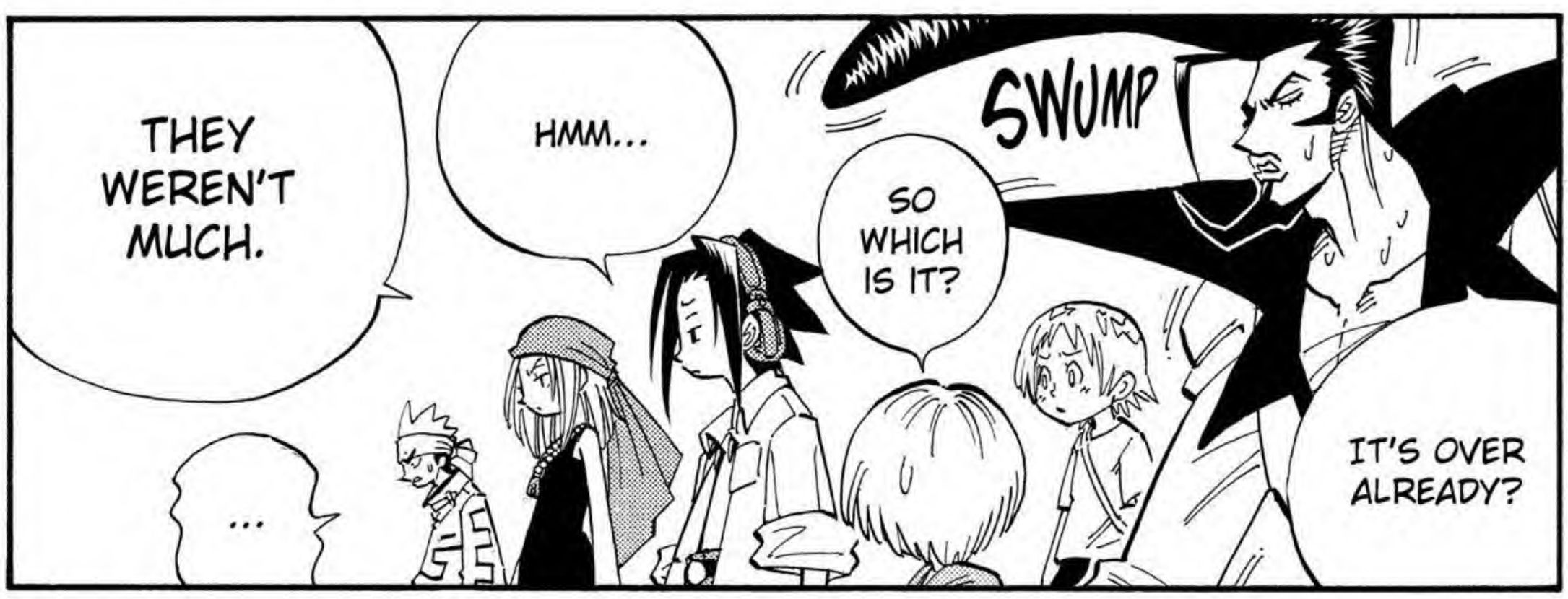
DIDN'T YOU HEAR OPACHO'S PREDICTION ABOUT THE NEXT MATCH, MATTIE?

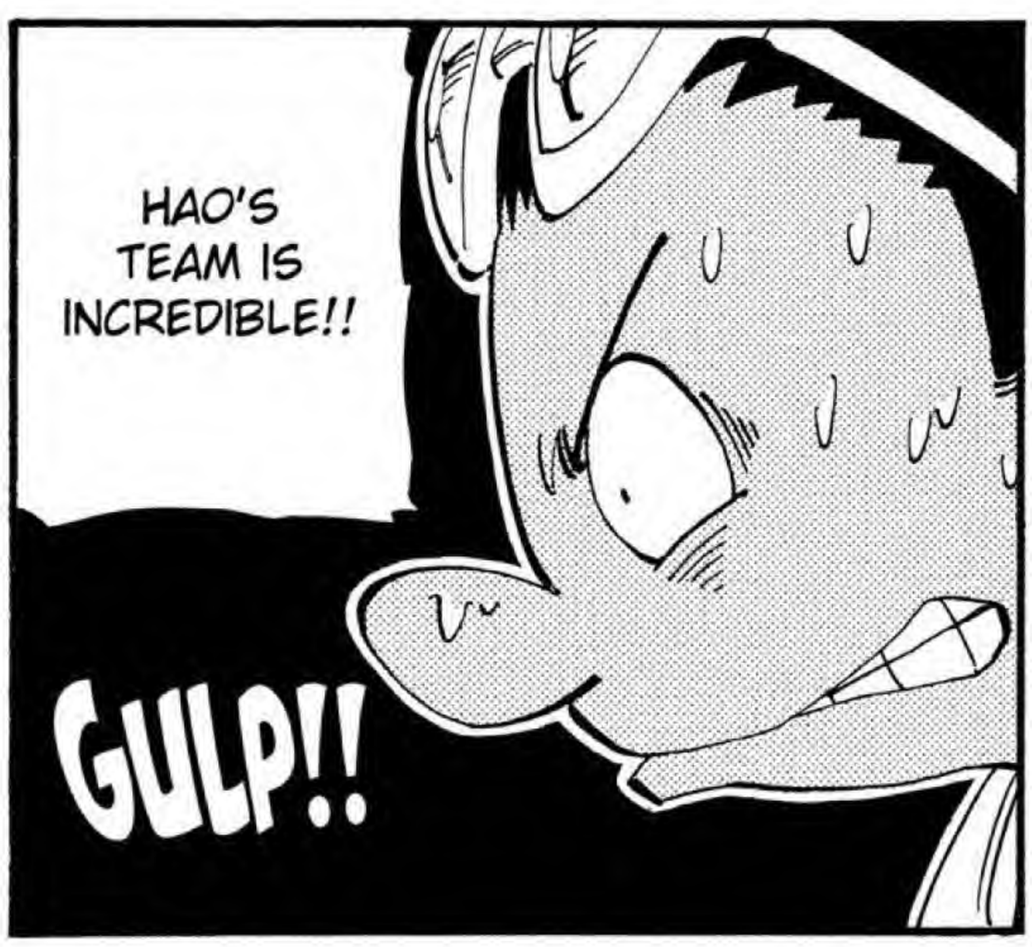
FUN?! WHAT KIND OF FUN?!

...


THEY WANTED TO SEE A FIGHT! WERE T-PRODUCTION A BUNCH OF WEAK-LINGS OR ARE HANA-GUMI JUST SUPER STRONG?!
WOW! THAT WAS OVER ALMOST BEFORE IT STARTED! THE CROWD VOICES ITS DISAPPROVAL!
...
BOO
BOO
BOO

HANA-GUMI WINS WITH MACH SPEED !!


THEY WEREN'T MUCH.
HMM...
SWUMP
SO WHICH IS IT?
IT'S OVER ALREADY?
...


HAO'S TEAM IS INCREDIBLE!!
GULP!!

DID YOU SEE THAT GIRL?!
THEY WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO GET THIS FAR.

THERE WAS NO WAY TO GAUGE...

...HIS ABILITIES BASED ON THAT.

HMPH.

YEAH.

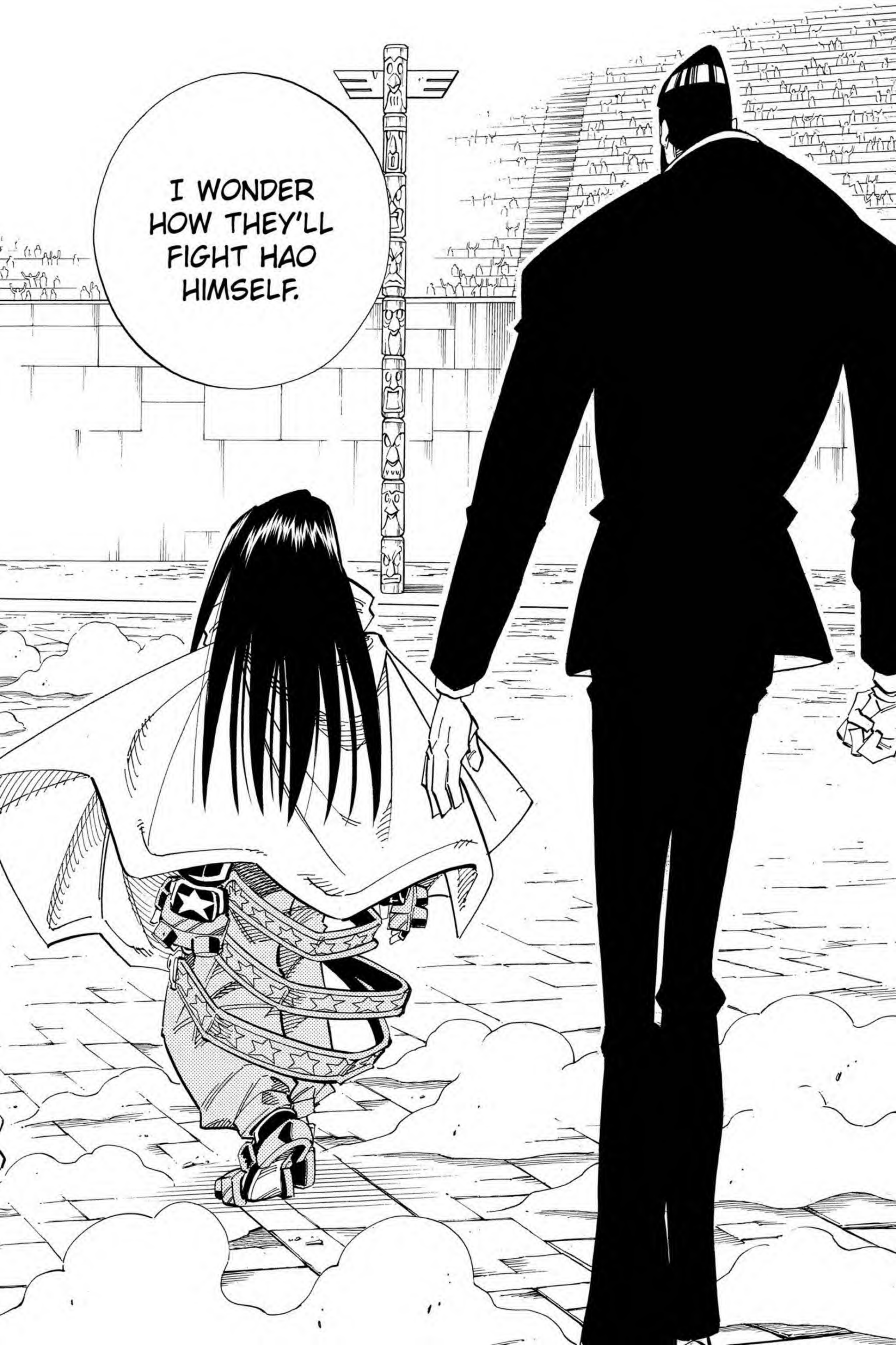
...

HUH?

WOOOOOO

星組 VS X-Ⅲ

HOSHI-GUMI VS. X-III


I WONDER HOW THEY'LL FIGHT HAO HIMSELF.

WHAT?

THE COMPETITORS FOR MATCH FIVE!!

HERE THEY ARE!

RAAH

RAAH

RAAH

RAAH

VS. X-III!! THE SHOW-DOWN!!!

HOSHI-GUMI!

THERE MUST BE AT LEAST A FEW WHO DON'T KNOW WHO HAO IS!

WOOOO

OH NO...

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE CROWD RECOGNIZES BOTH TEAMS?!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THEY WERE FOUNDED JUST TO DEFEAT HAO?!

OO

AND X-III IS MADE UP OF X-LAWS!

WHY DOES THAT FOOL KEEP TALKING?

AS A PATCH, I HAVE TO REMAIN NEUTRAL...

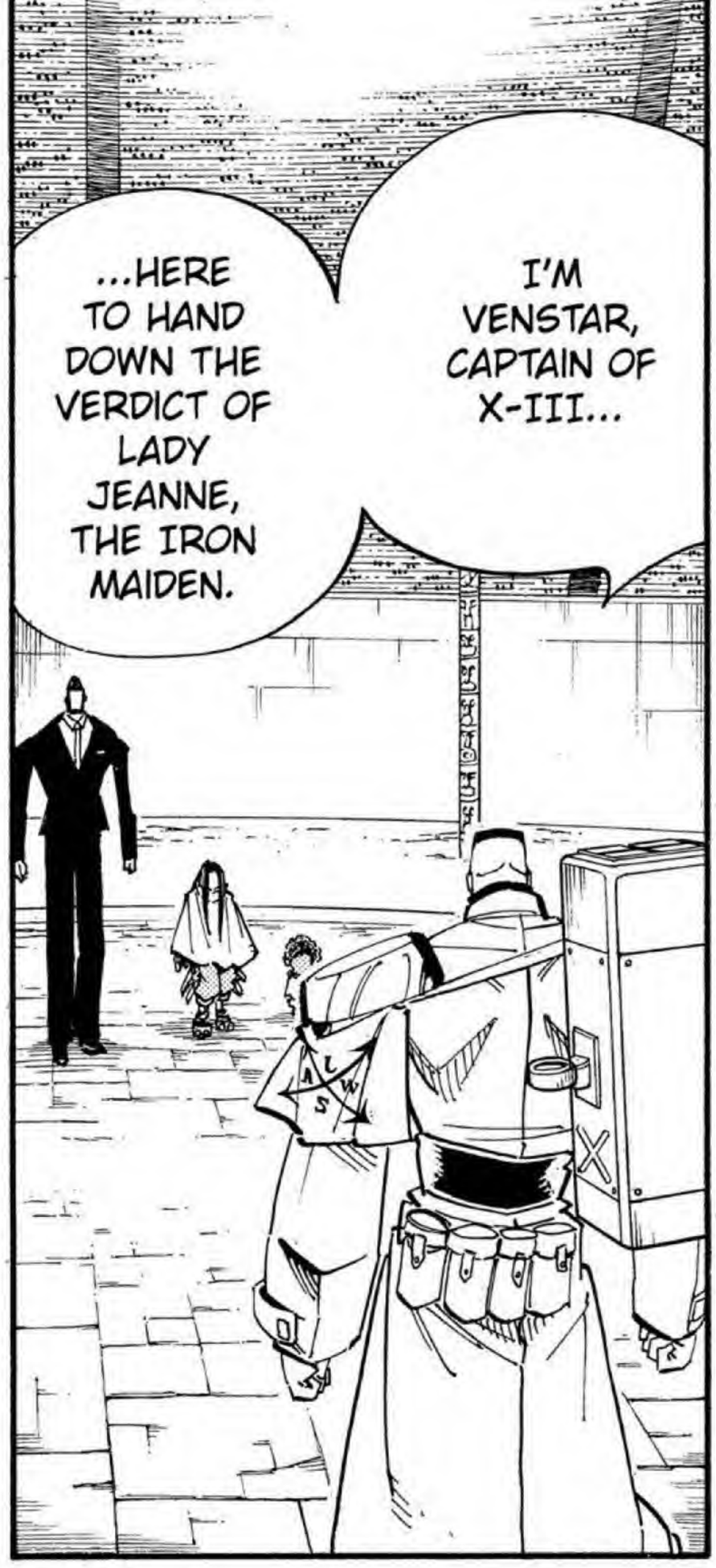
SO I WON'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE, BUT I WILL TELL YOU THAT MY HEART IS POUNDING!!

WILL X-III MAKE THEIR DREAM COME TRUE?!

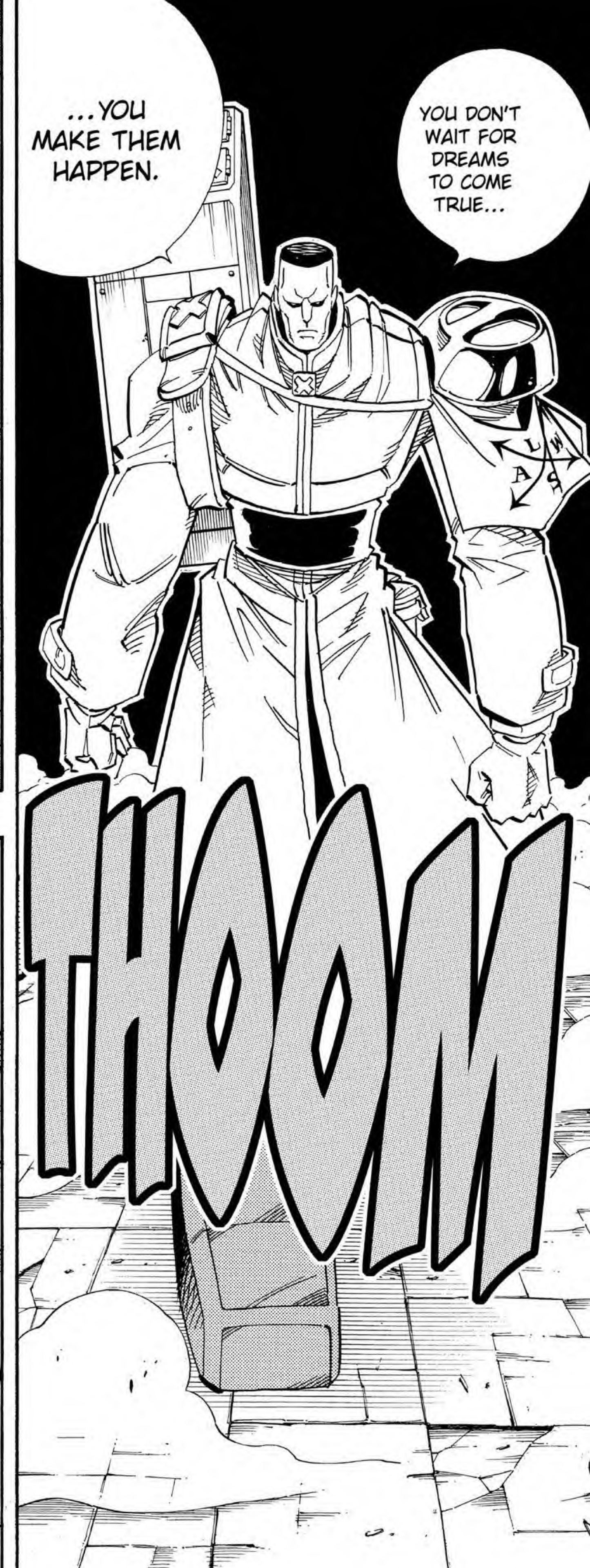
...

WHAT A MORON! IT'S OBVIOUS!

WHICH TEAM WILL WIN?!


...HERE TO HAND DOWN THE VERDICT OF LADY JEANNE, THE IRON MAIDEN.
I'M VENSTAR, CAPTAIN OF X-III...

DEATH.


...YOU MAKE THEM HAPPEN.
YOU DON'T WAIT FOR DREAMS TO COME TRUE...
HOW

OOH

THEY'RE READY TO MIX IT UP!

X-III IS UNDAUNTED !!

WILL THEY BE ALL RIGHT?!

ARE THEY SERIOUS ?

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

MAYBE IF I FIGHT YOU BY MYSELF, WE CAN GIVE THE CROWD A SHOW.

HANA-GUMI'S MATCH WAS OVER TOO FAST.

whup

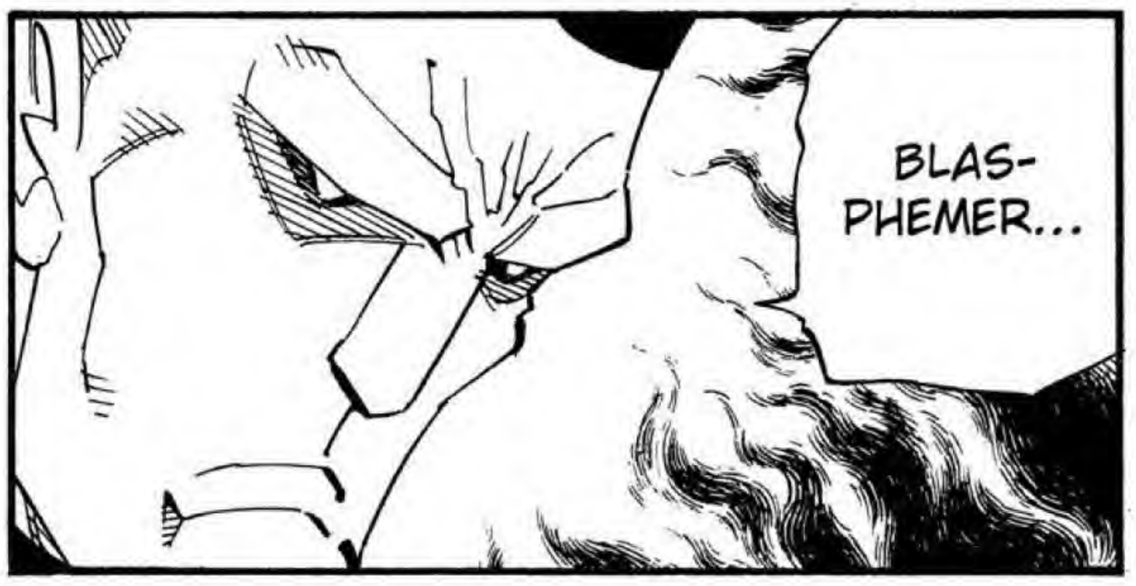
!

TUMP

AND BRING THAT WEIRD GIRL, TOO.

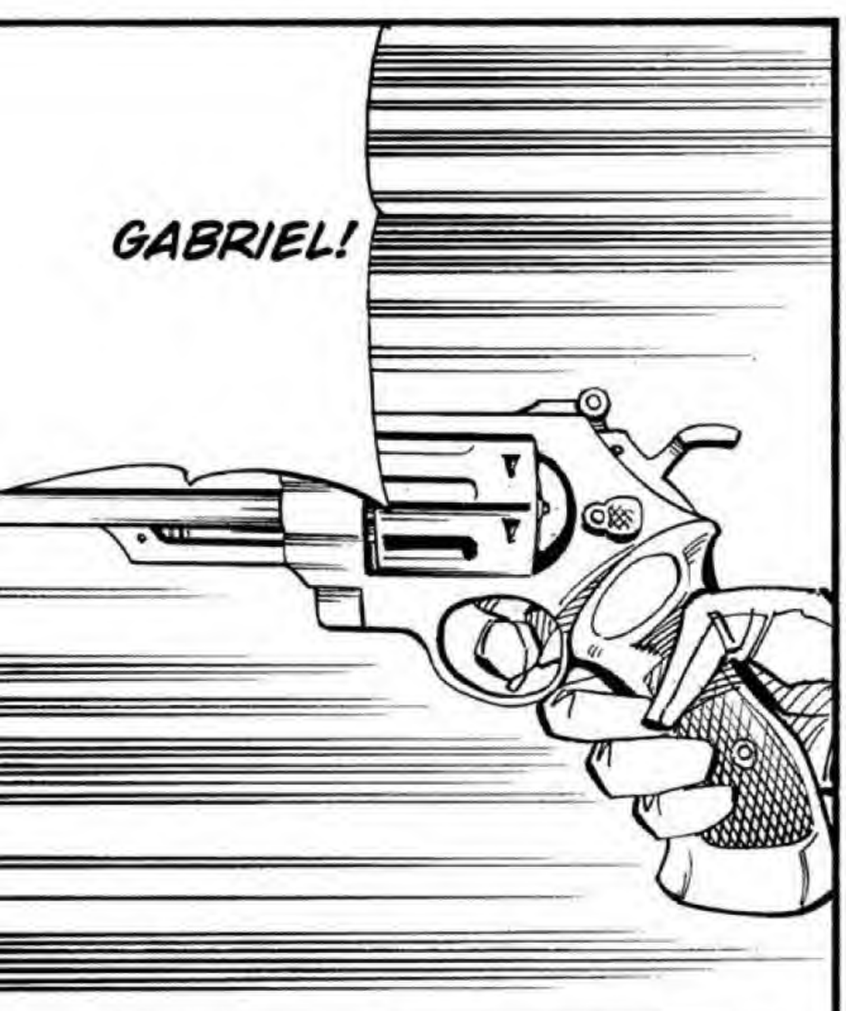
BUT JUST IN CASE...

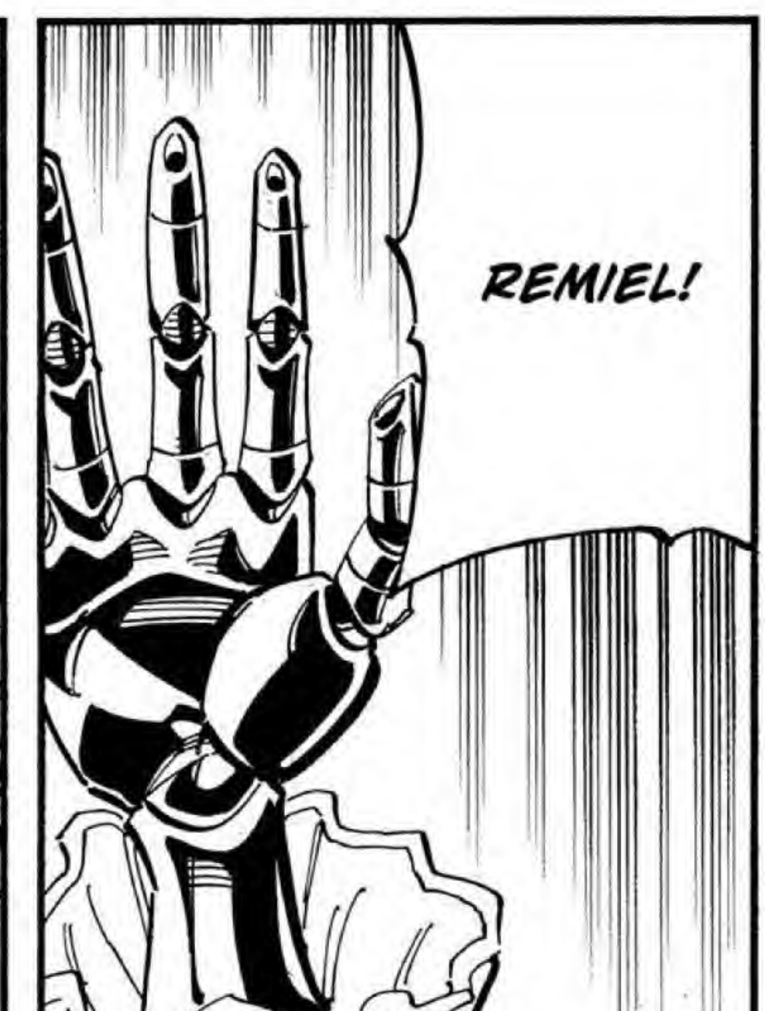
...WHY DON'T YOU COME AT ME ALL AT ONCE?

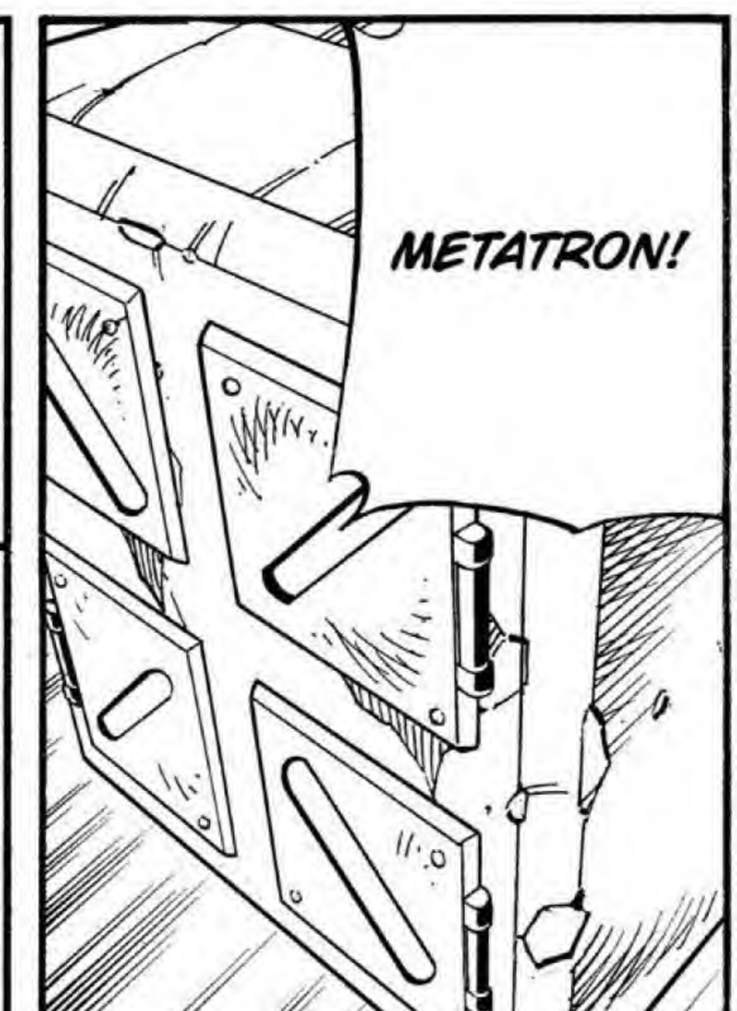


FIGHT!!

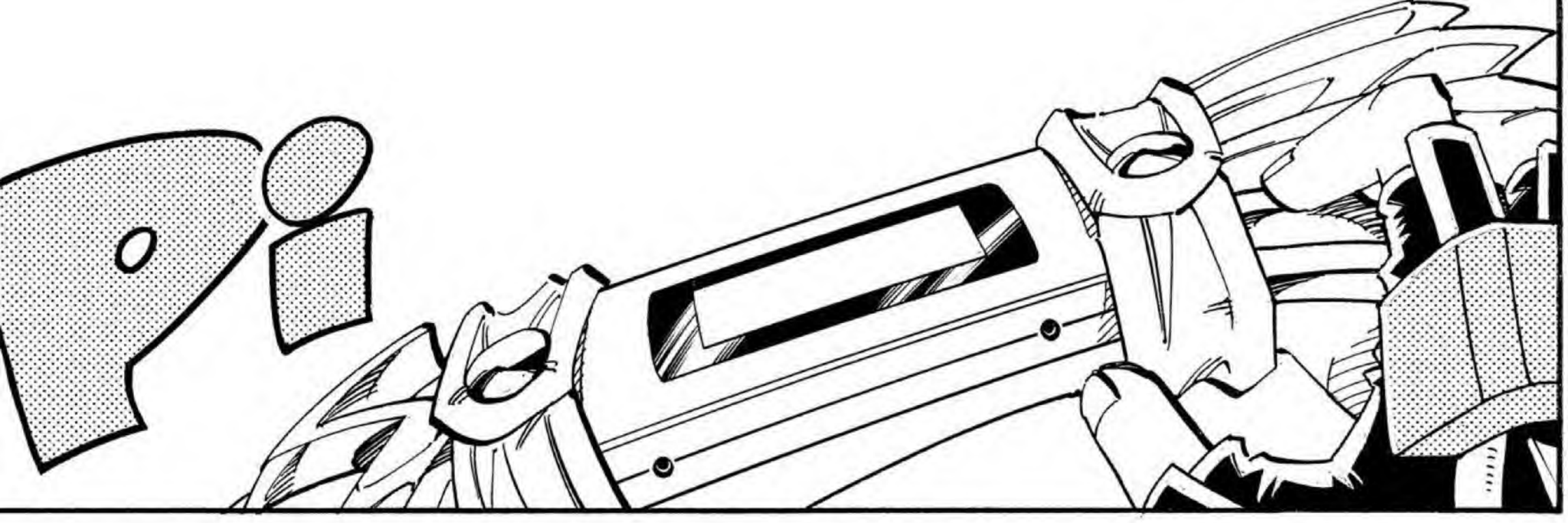
CHA-CHAK!

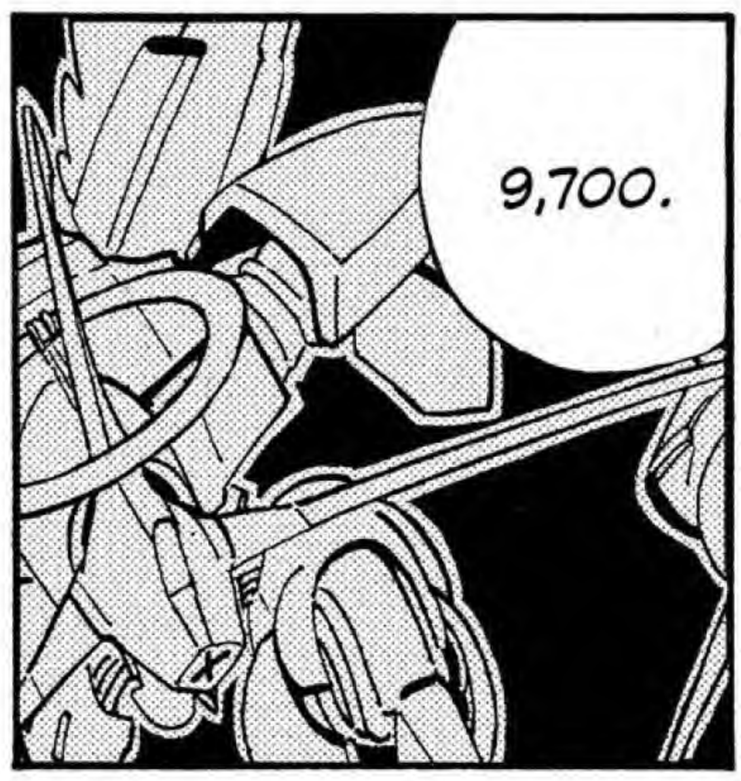


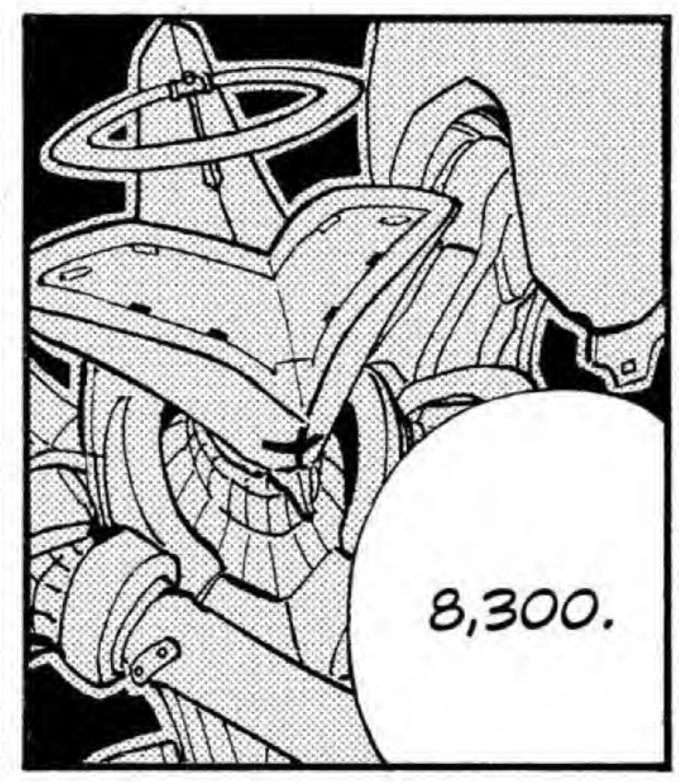


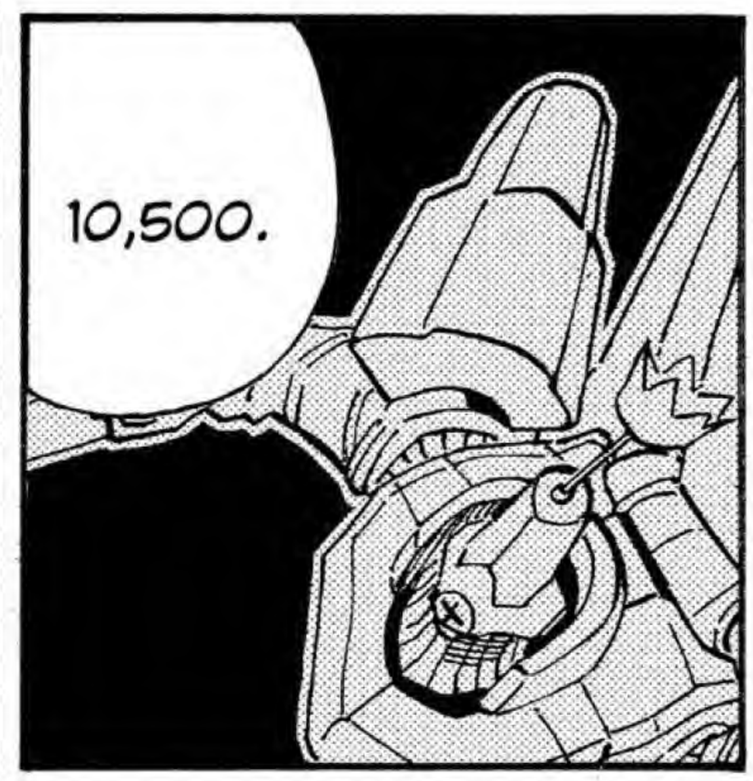


FIRE!!!
BAM





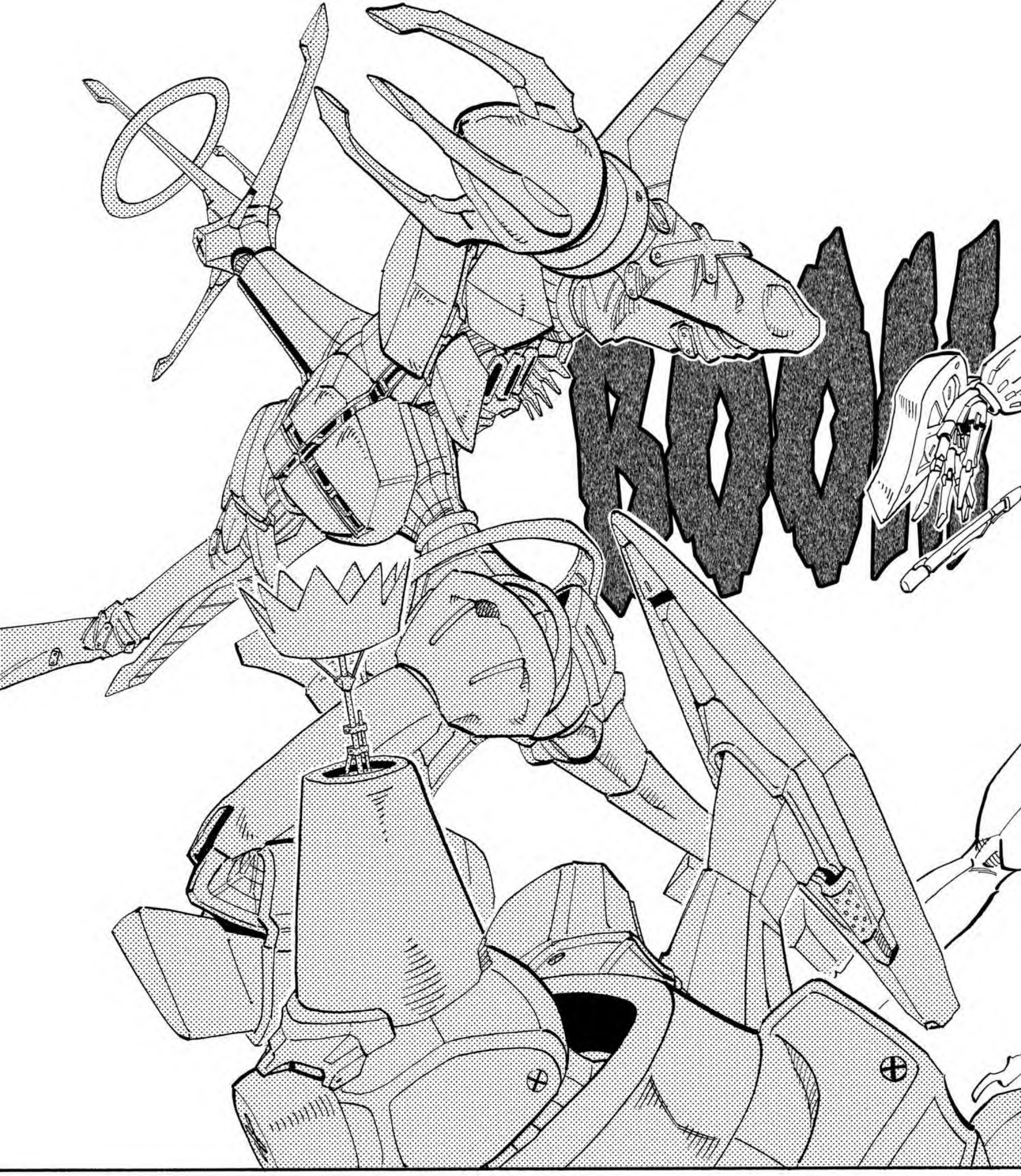




A BUNCH OF SISSIES?

WHAT ARE YOU?

POOF


ROOM

HEH...

FOOMF

THAT'S ONE.

NOW...

...THE SKINNY ONE. I'LL DESTROY YOU NEXT.

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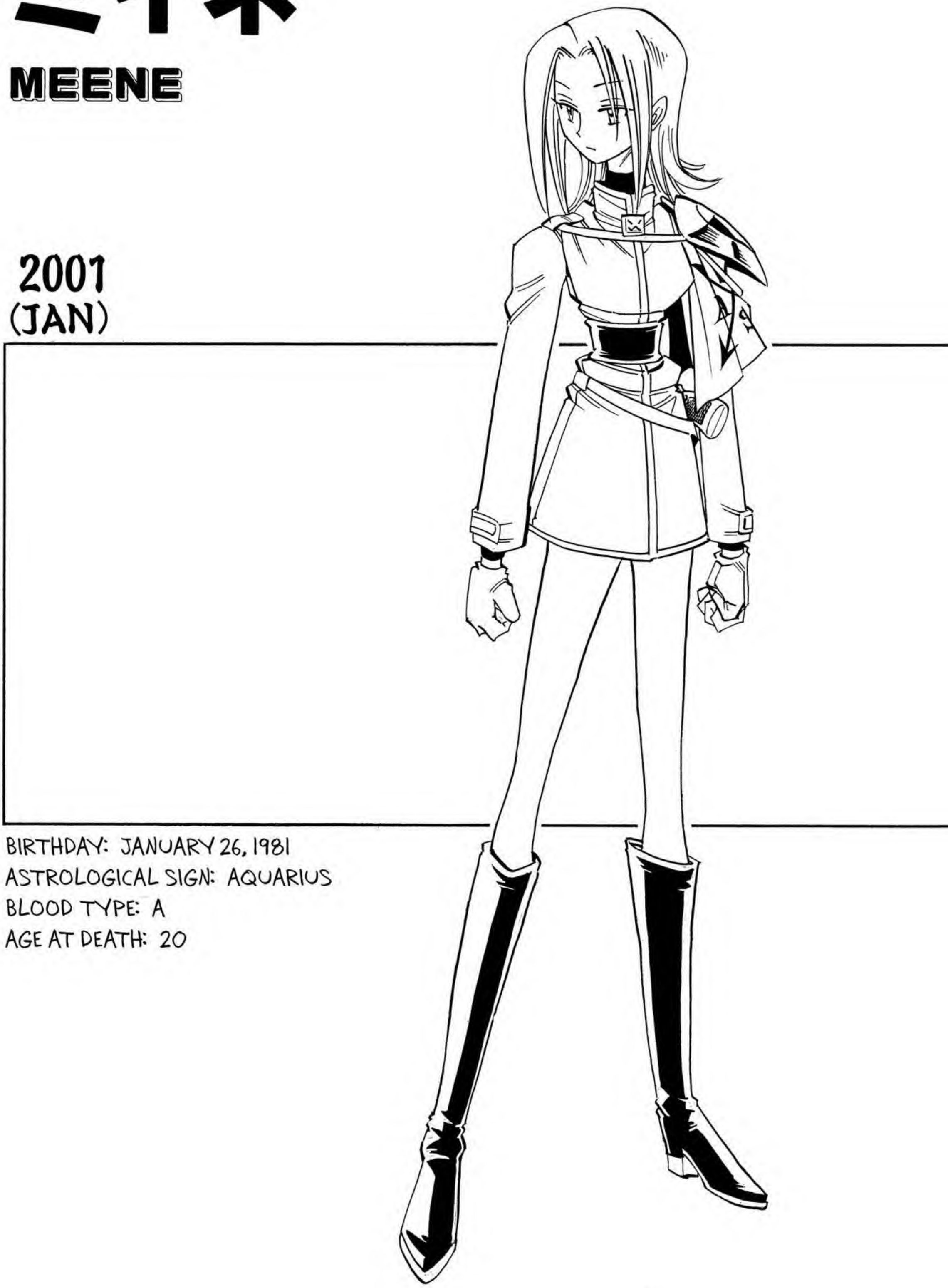

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BLOOD TYPE: A
AGE AT DEATH: 20

Reincarnation 138: Trust No One

MATCH FIVE: HOSHI-GUMI VS. X-III!

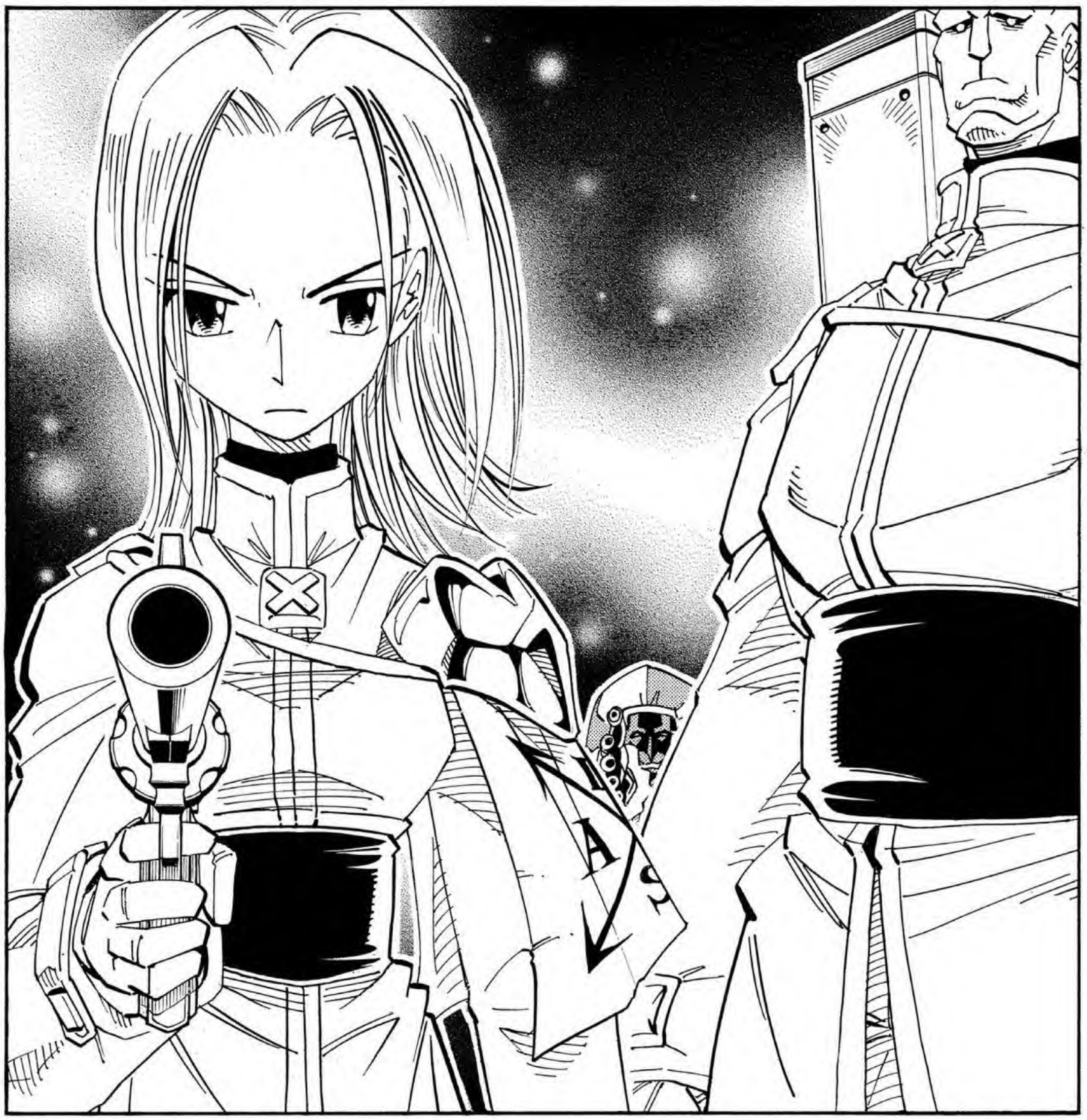
WE HAVE A CASUALTY ALREADY!

RAAAAAH

HAO OF HOSHI-GUMI IS A JUGGERNAUT !!!

WHAT POWER !

Reincarnation 138: Trust No One



NO...

ANOTHER DEATH...

NOT AGAIN.

MUMBL MUMBL MUMBL

WUZZ WUZZ WUZZ

THIS IS NO CONTEST!

THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT.

MANTA!!

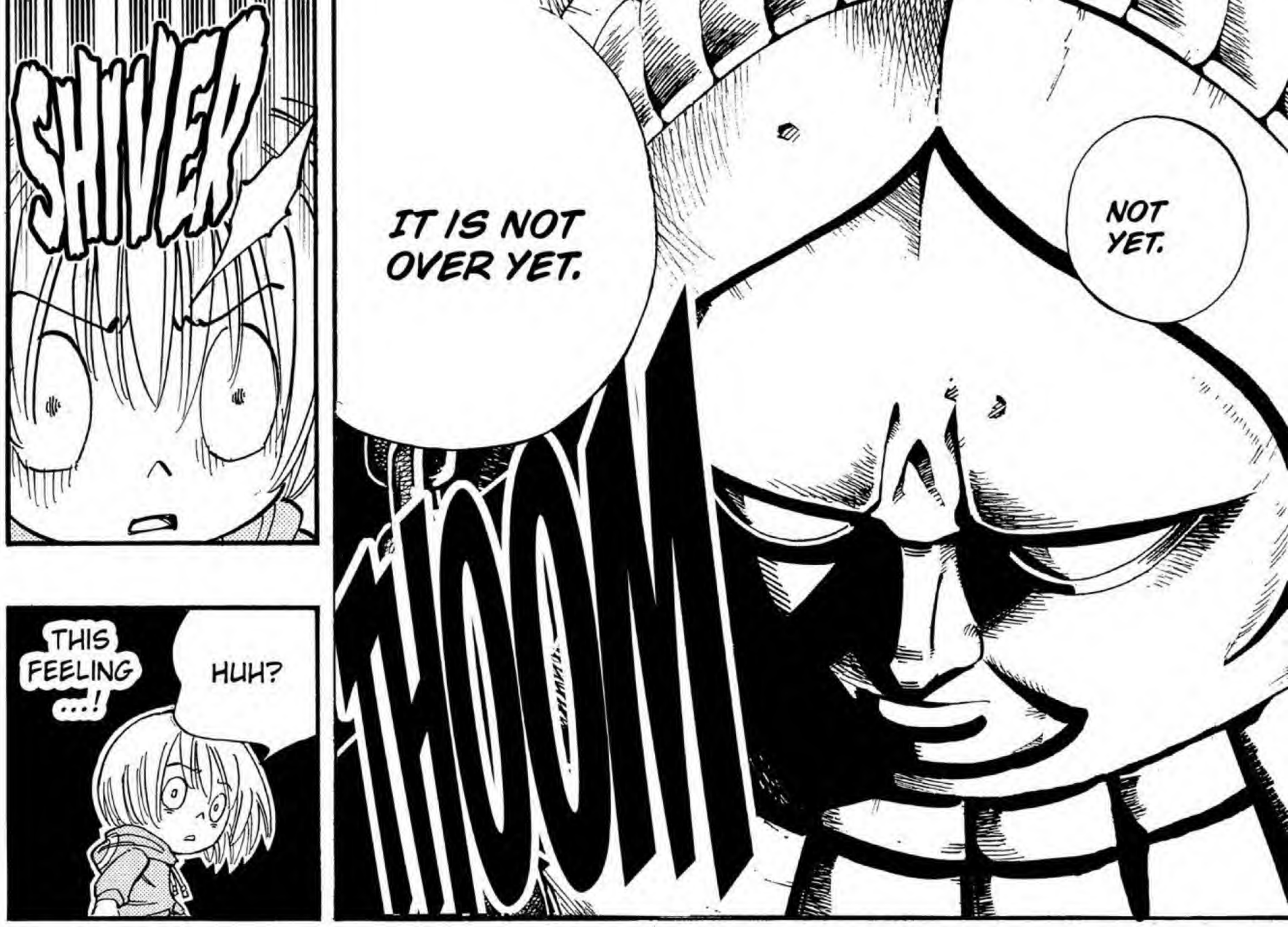
I'M PUTTING A STOP TO THIS! I'LL HAVE TAMURAZAKI CALL THE POLICE IF I HAVE TO!!

MANTA, WAIT!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

IT'S MURDER !!

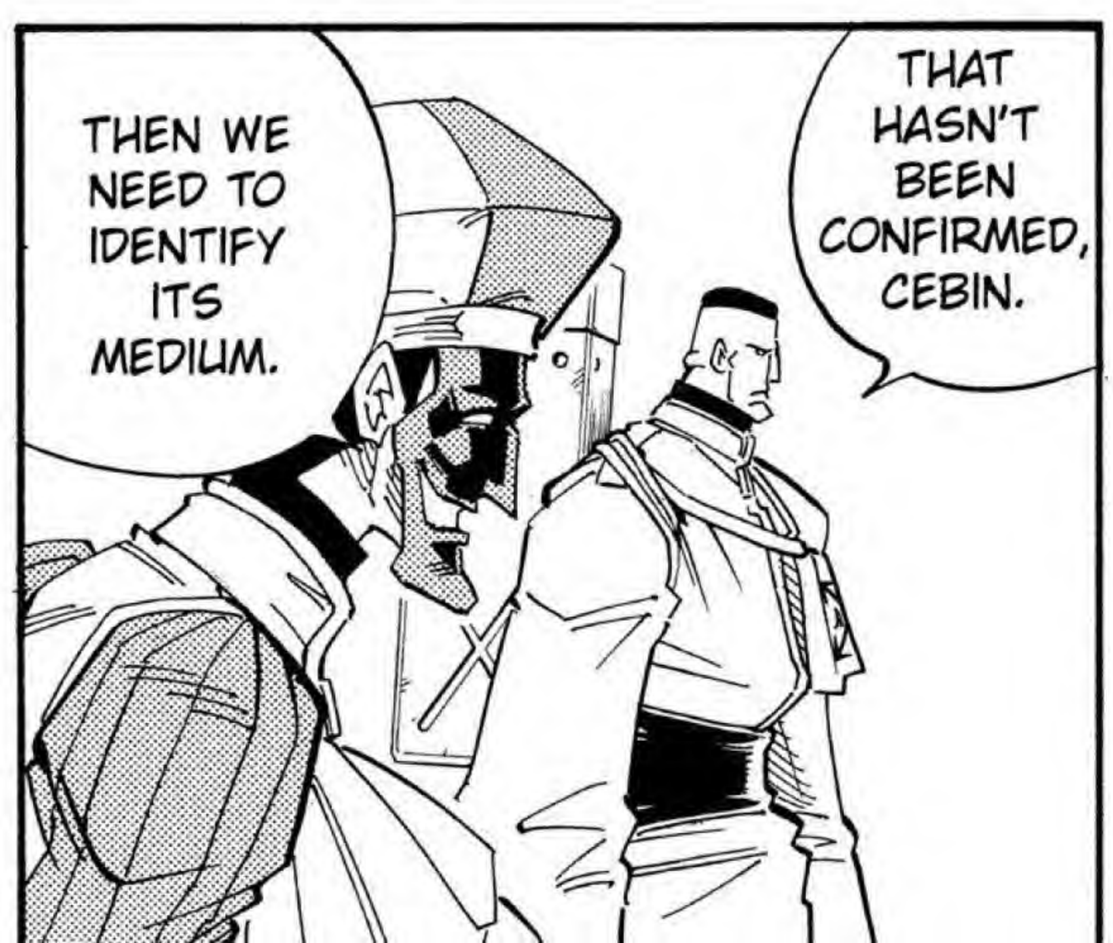
WAAH

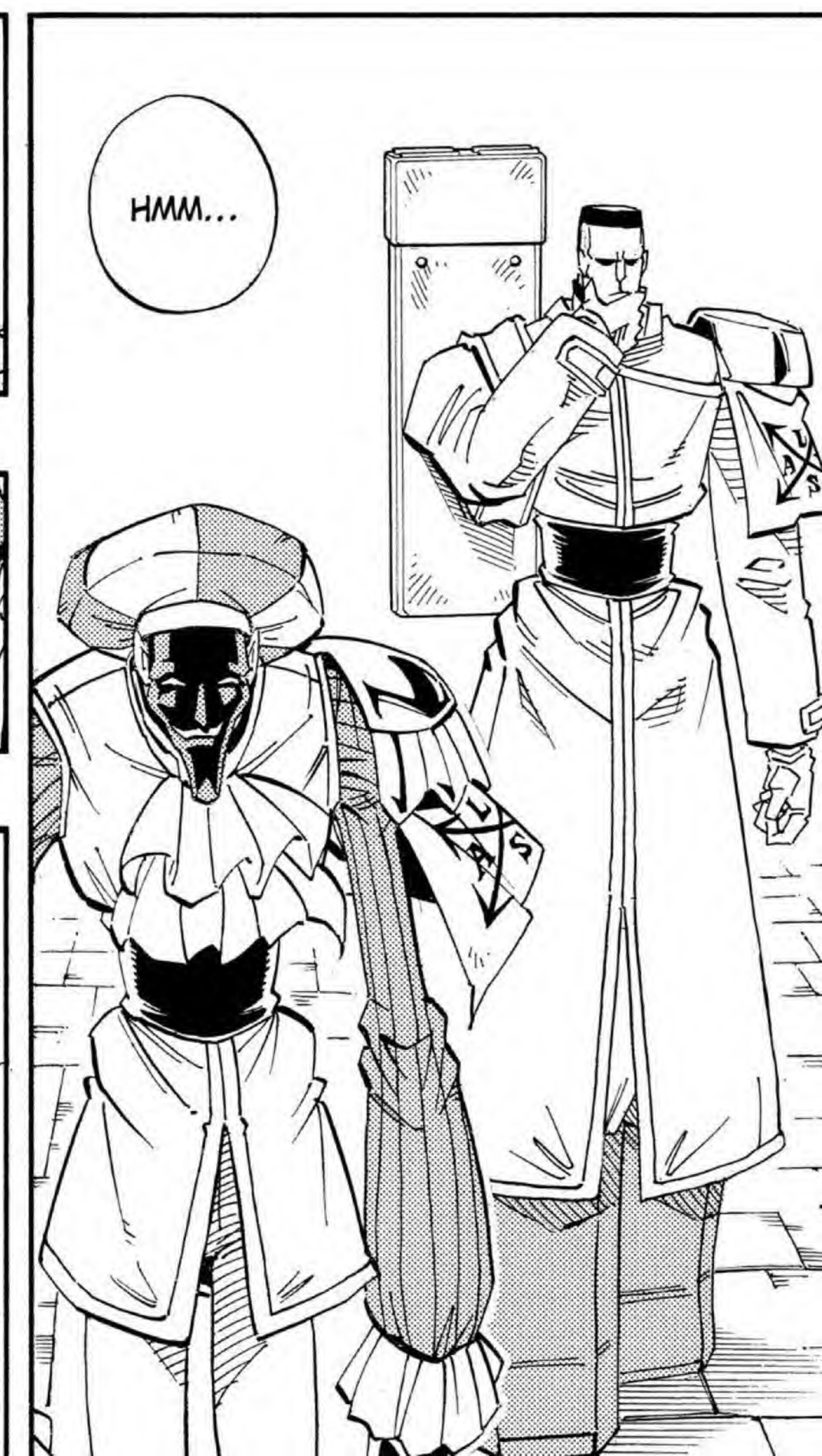
DON'T DO IT, MANTA.
DOOM
!!!
YOU CAN'T INTERFERE.
THE MATCH ISN'T OVER.
SO WHAT IF THE SHAMAN FIGHT ONLY HAPPENS EVERY 500 YEARS? THAT'S NO EXCUSE TO KILL PEOPLE!
I THOUGHT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE WOULD UNDER-STAND!
POOF
YOH, YOU...YOU COWARD!
YOH...


SHIVER
IT IS NOT OVER YET.
NOT YET.
THIS FEELING ...!
HUH?
THOOM

GABRIEL WAS DEAD BEFORE WE EVER SAW SPIRIT OF FIRE.

THEN SPIRIT OF FIRE CAN INTEGRATE AT A SUPER FAST SPEED?


THEN WE NEED TO IDENTIFY ITS MEDIUM.
THAT HASN'T BEEN CONFIRMED, CEBIN.


HMM...

I'LL GO NEXT, VENSTAR. HAO HAS DESIGNATED ME.
TMP
ALL RIGHT.
YOU'D NEVER KNOW THEY JUST LOST A TEAMMATE!!
WHAT?!
WOOOO
CEBIN OF X-III REFUSES TO BE INTIMIDATED!
HIS SPIRIT ALLY MAY BE THE ANGEL REMIEL, BUT DOES X-III HAVE A PRAYER AGAINST HAO?!

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HOWLING WITH RAGE.

HMM, THIS IS NEW.

YOU'RE TAKING THIS WELL.

...

UNLESS... YOU HAVE A SECRET.

YOU'RE FINISHED, HAO.

...

KLIK

CONSIDER THIS PAYBACK FOR BURNING ME ALIVE TEN YEARS AGO!!

I'VE COME A LONG WAY TO DEFEAT YOU.

...DOESN'T BOTHER YOU. THIS IS A PERSONAL MATTER.
SO THAT'S WHY THE DEATH OF YOUR FRIEND...

OH?
HEH

UNH!!

JUST LET ME DISPOSE OF THE CARCASS.
FOOMF
ALL RIGHT.

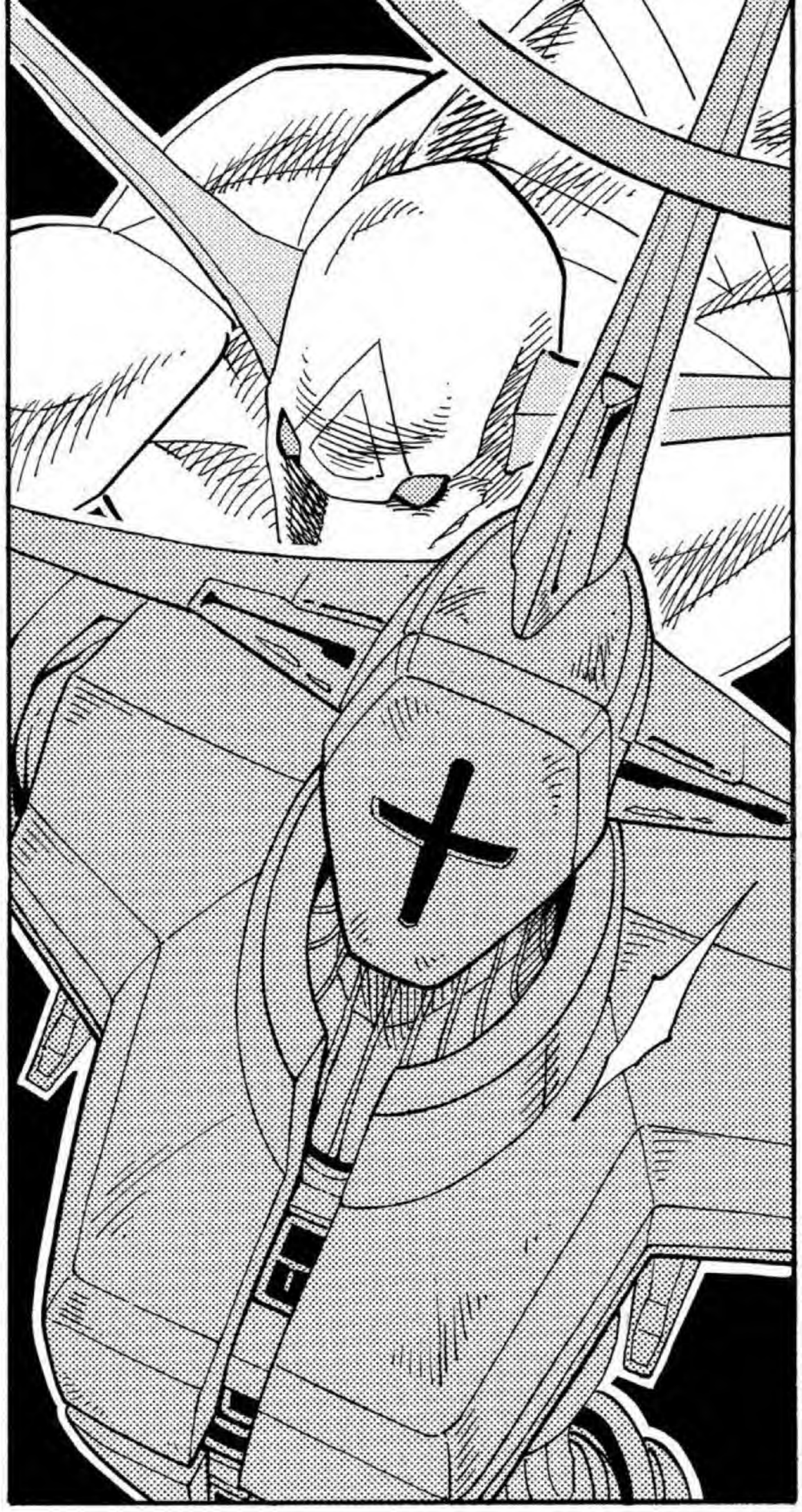
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T WIN, YET YOU THROW AWAY YOUR LIVES.
YOU'RE A STRANGE LOT.

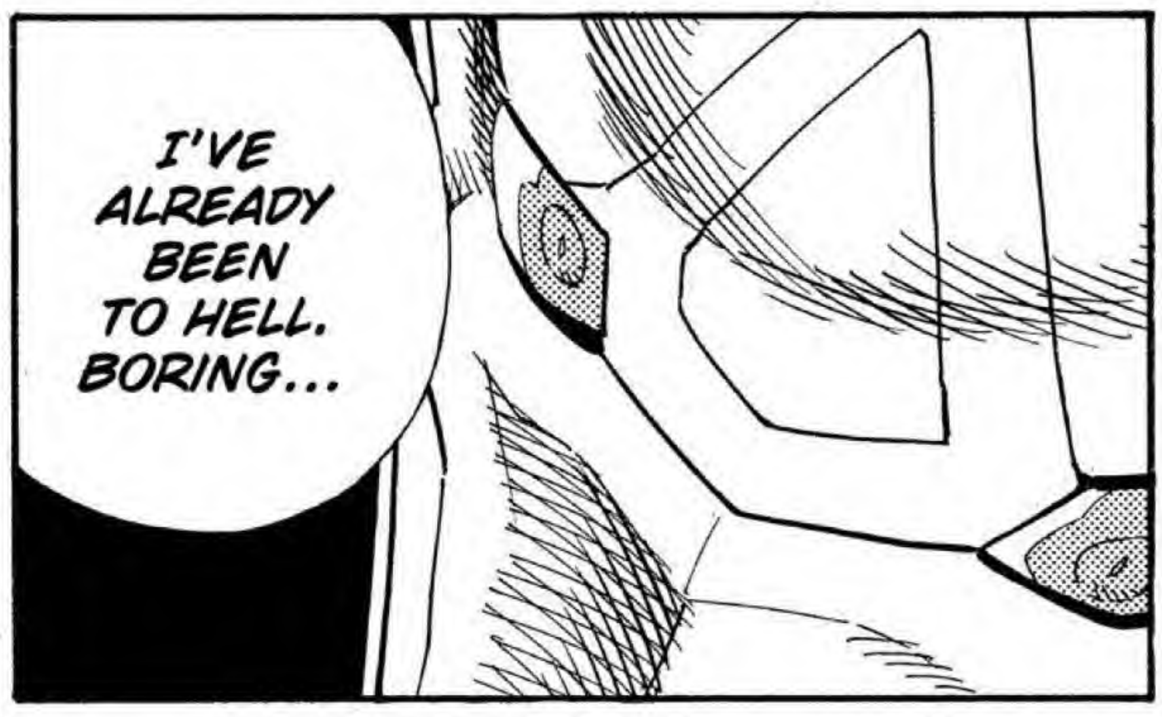
NO ONE KNOWS ANYTHING UNTIL THEY TRY!!!

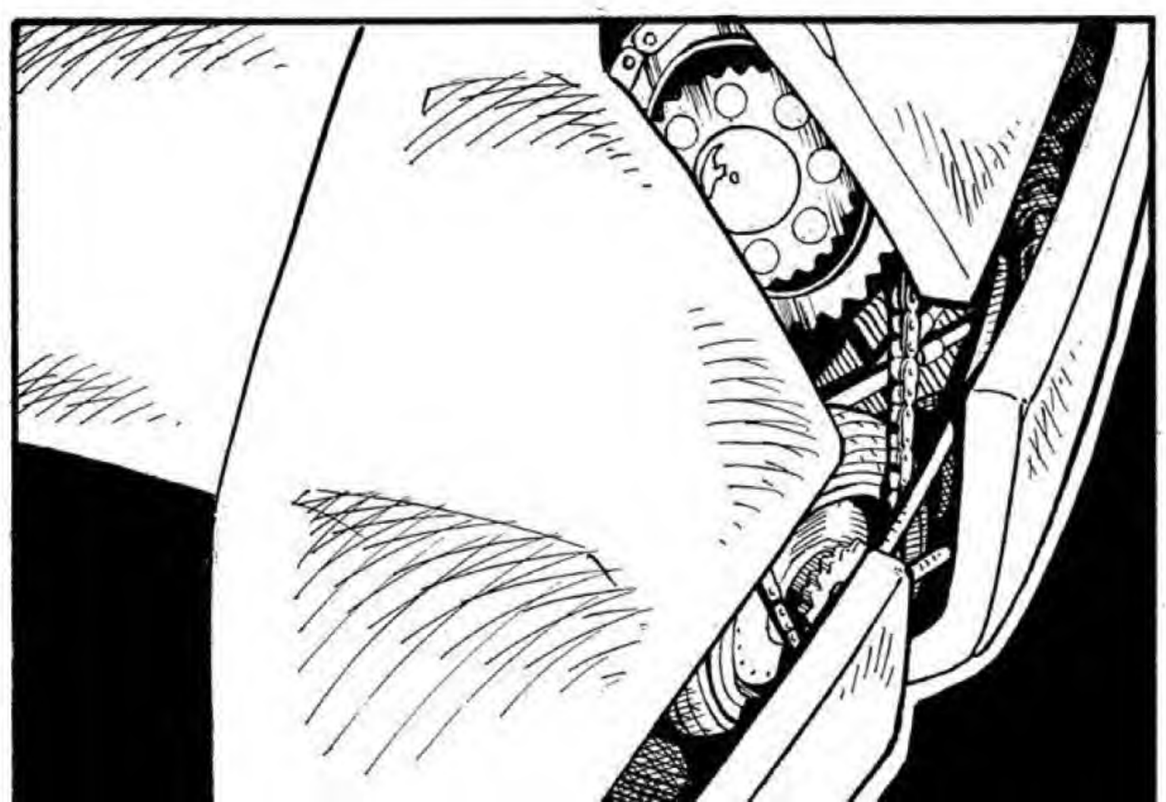
I'LL SEND YOUR SOUL TO HELL—FOR ETERNITY!!

WHUP

REMIEL IS THE ANGEL THAT OVERSEES THE RESURRECTION OF SOULS!




I'VE ALREADY BEEN TO HELL. BORING...



GAAAH!

FWOOM

AAGH!

...!!!!

HE PINNED HIM DOWN, ANGEL AND ALL!!!

WHAT A SIGHT!!

IT WAS TOO FAST TO SEE!

BUT...HOW DID HE SUMMON HIS OVER SOUL SO FAST?!

...MAY PROVE MY THEORY.

THEIR DEATHS...

YES, IT'S JUST LIKE BEFORE.

MASTER !!

IT'S LIKELY...

...THAT SPIRIT OF FIRE'S MEDIUM IS THE AIR ITSELF.

SO THEY WAITED FOR THE SHAMAN FIGHT, WHERE THEY COULD GO AGAINST HIM ONE AT A TIME WHILE THE OTHERS OBSERVED.

THEY KNEW THAT ALL OF THEM COMBINED COULDN'T DEFEAT HAO...

SO THIS...

...WAS THEIR PLAN ALL ALONG.

!!

I WAS WITH THEM LAST NIGHT.

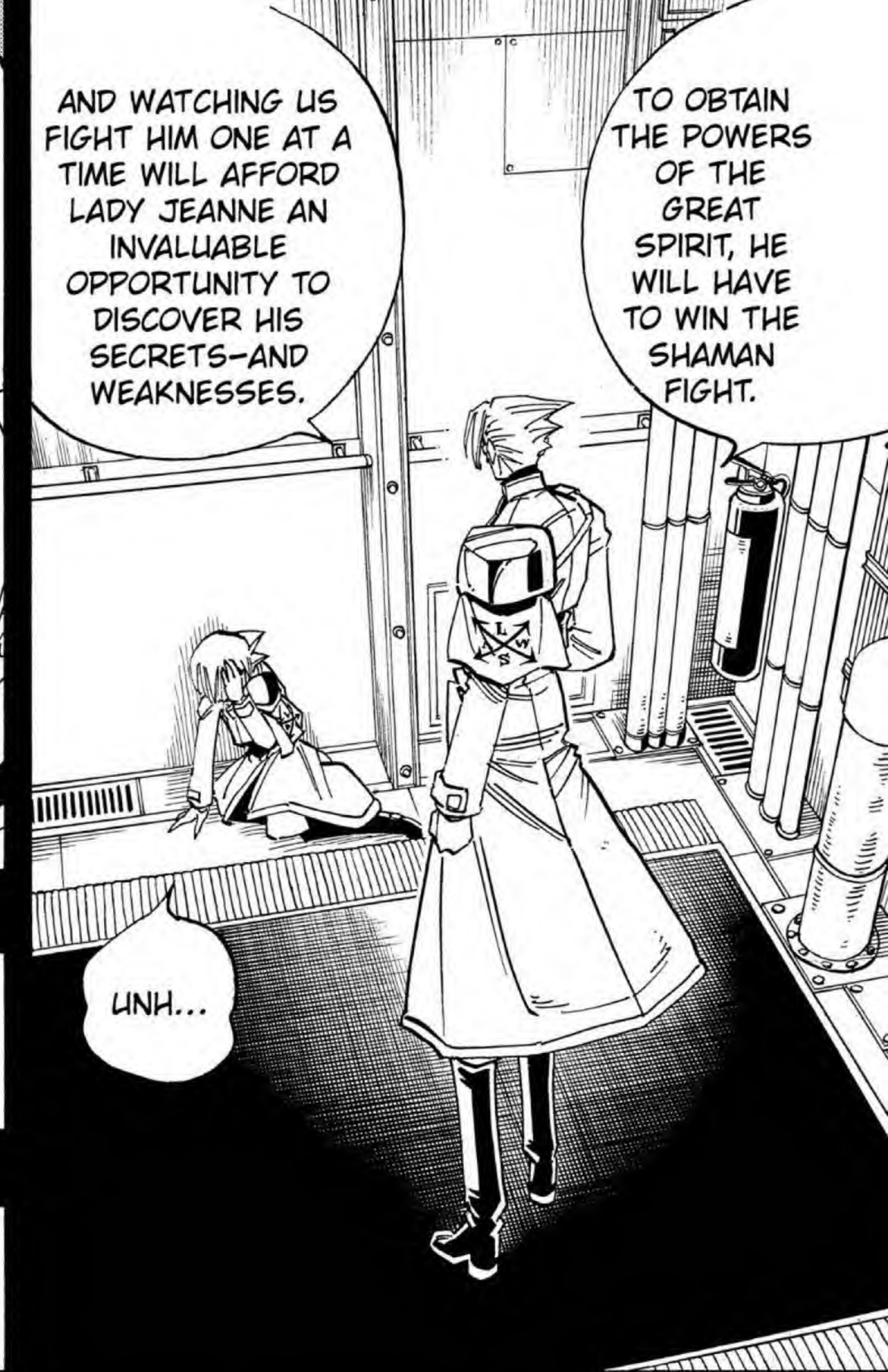
YOU MEAN...

...THEY WERE WILLING TO DIE TO DEFEAT HAO.

I COULD TELL...

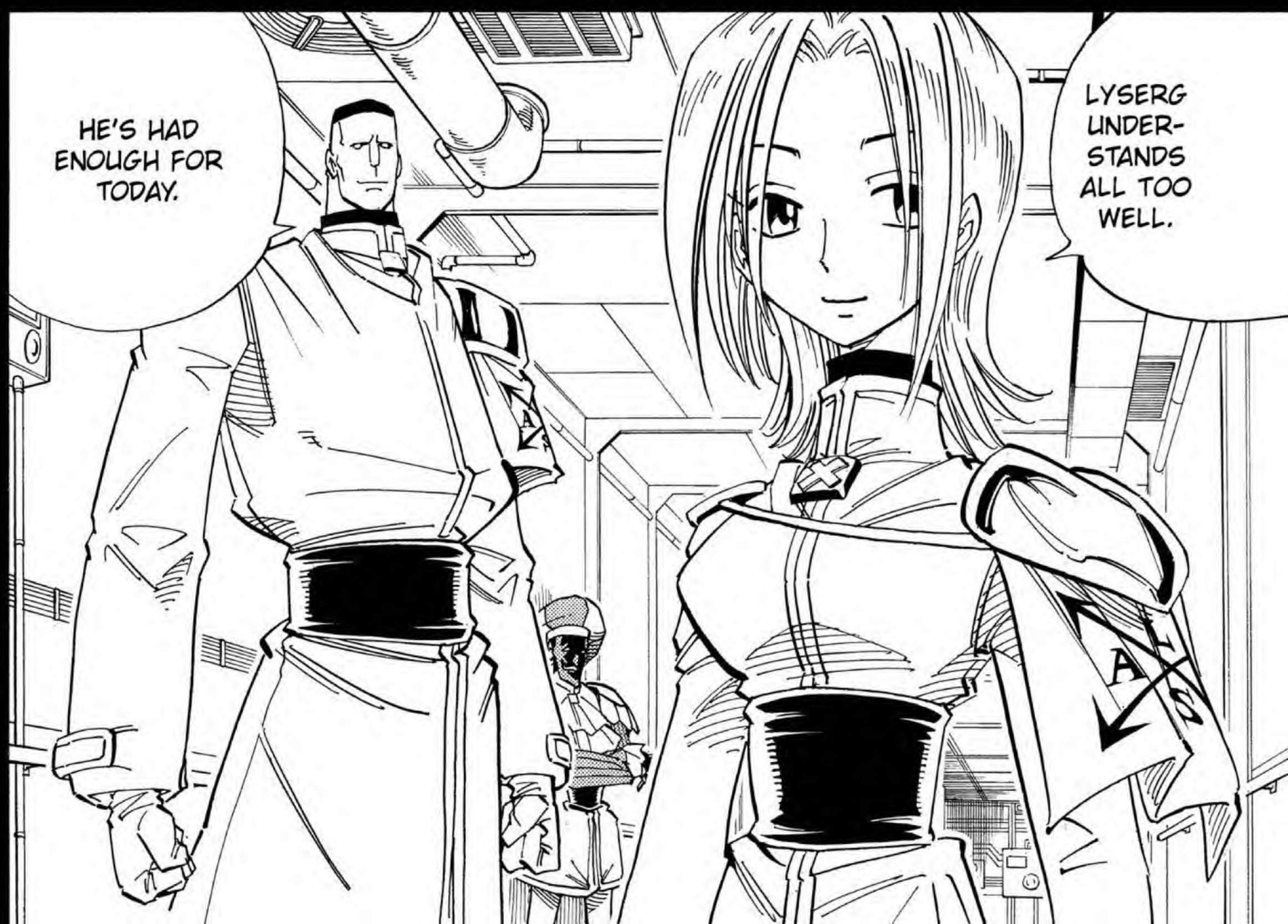
SPLAP
TO DEFEAT HAO, WE WILL HAVE TO DISCOVER HIS SECRETS, WHATEVER THE COST.
HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU, LYSERG?

BUT IT ISN'T FAIR.
THEY'LL BE SLAUGHTERED.


AND WATCHING US FIGHT HIM ONE AT A TIME WILL AFFORD LADY JEANNE AN INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER HIS SECRETS—AND WEAKNESSES.
TO OBTAIN THE POWERS OF THE GREAT SPIRIT, HE WILL HAVE TO WIN THE SHAMAN FIGHT.
UNH...

WHAT?

LEAVE HIM ALONE, MARCO.


HE'S HAD ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
LYSERG UNDER-STANDS ALL TOO WELL.

HOW DO YOU TWO HAVE SO MUCH ENERGY AFTER OUR X MEETING?

YOU THREE...

UGH...

LYSERG IS SOFT. HIS ATTITUDE BELITTLES YOUR SACRIFICES.

YOU SAW THE CHART. YOUR TEAM GOES UP AGAINST HAO FIRST.

THIS ISN'T FUNNY, CEBIN.

LYSERG IS KIND.

BEING KIND AND BEING WEAK AREN'T THE SAME.

...BUT WE APPRECIATE LYSERG'S COMPASSION, TOO.

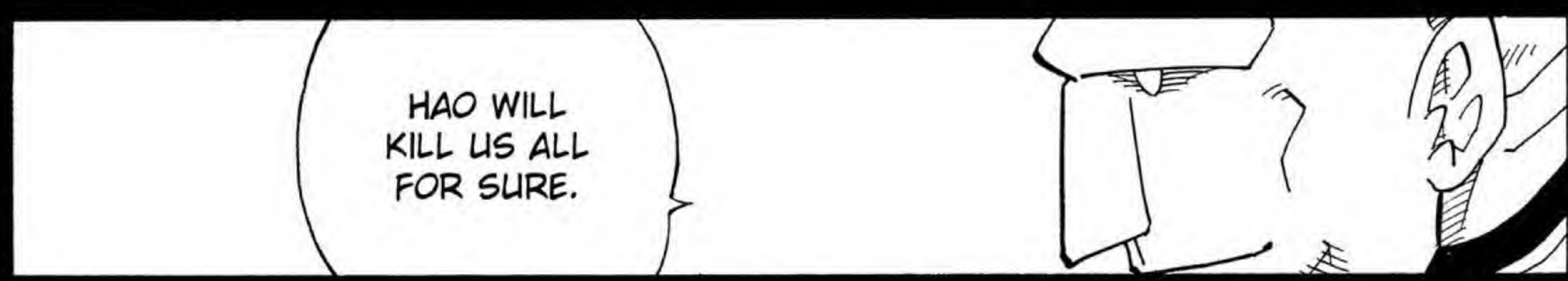
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, MARCO...

RELAX, MARCO. WE KNOW WHERE LYSERG'S COMING FROM.

KINDNESS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF JUSTICE.

...LYSERG DIETHEL.

AND THAT'S A GOOD THING...



YOU GUYS...

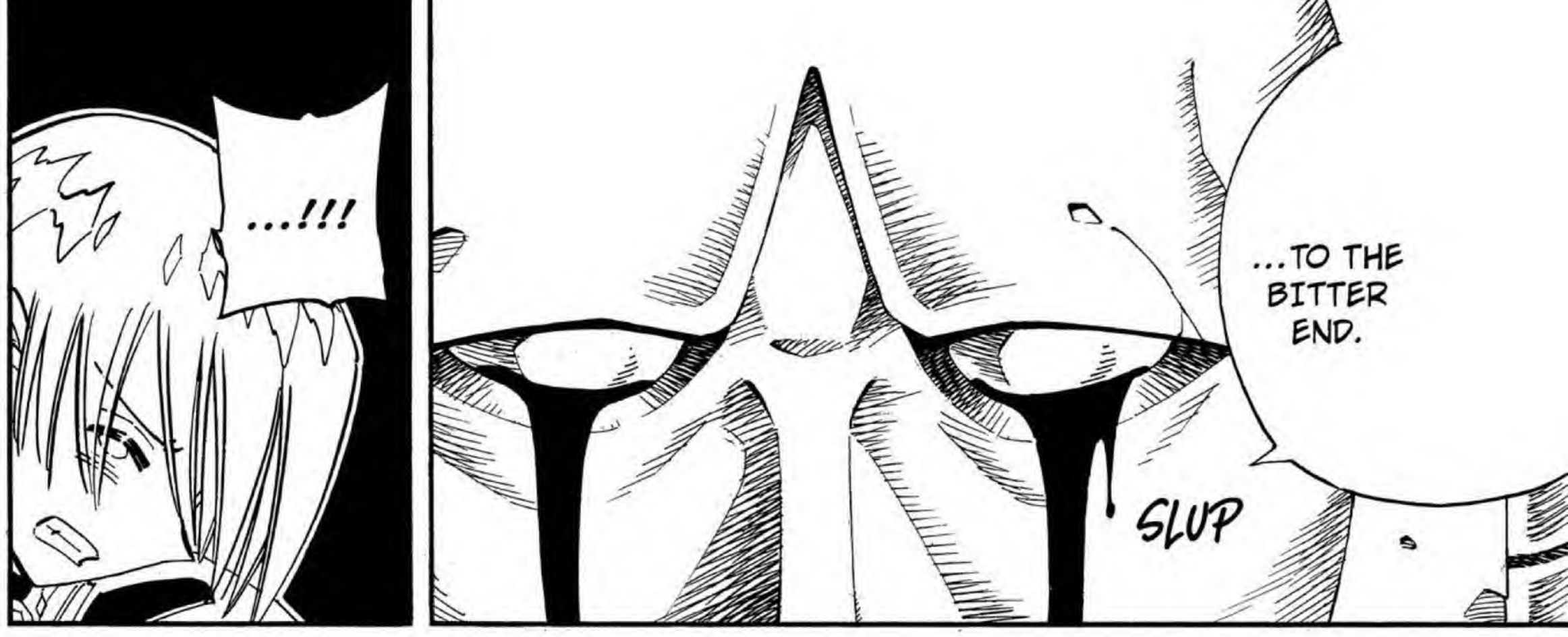
THE MATCH IS NOT OVER YET. YOU MUST WATCH...

...LYSERG DIETHEL.

YOU'RE LOOKING AWAY...

MEENE...

CEBIN...



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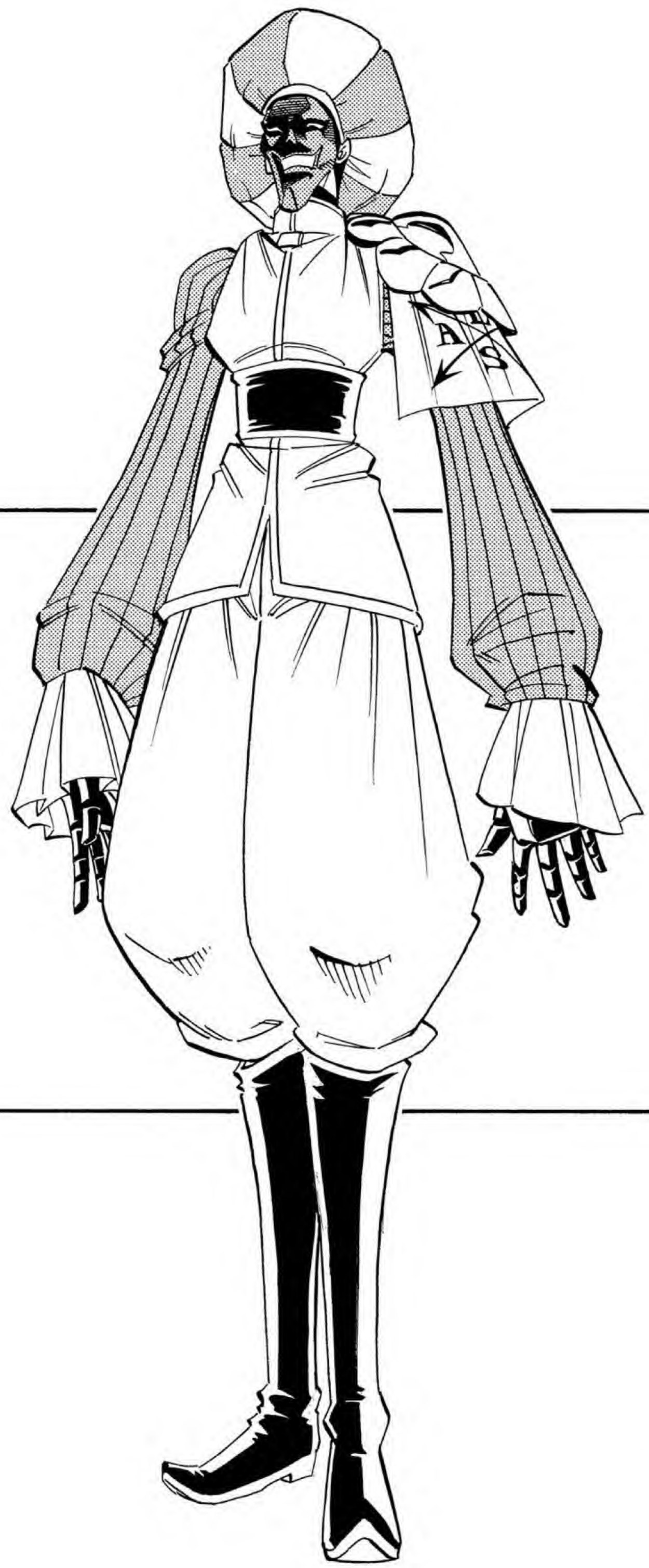
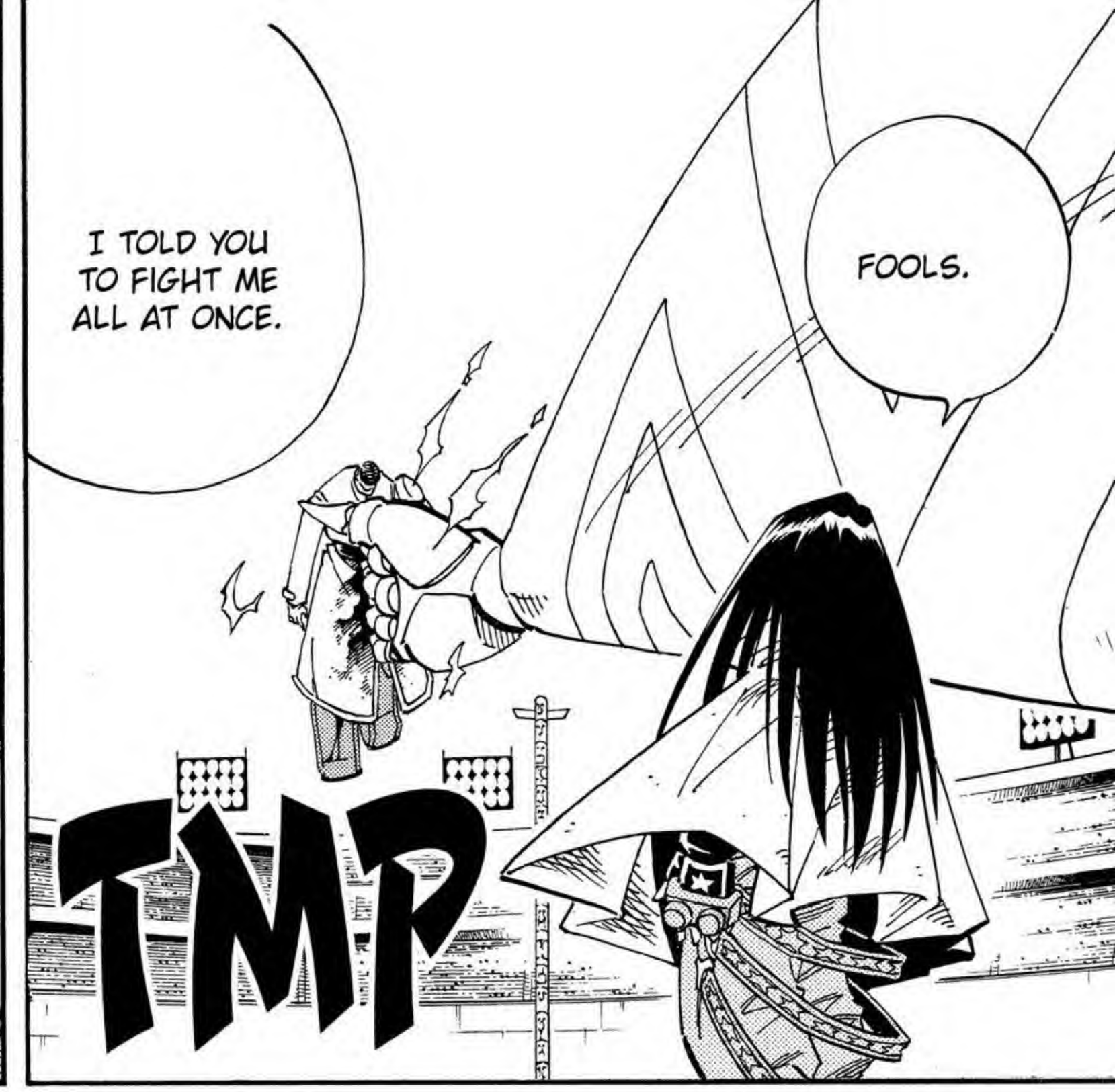


BIRTHDAY: SEPT. 18, 1971
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: VIRGO
BLOOD TYPE: AB
30 YEARS OLD AT DEATH

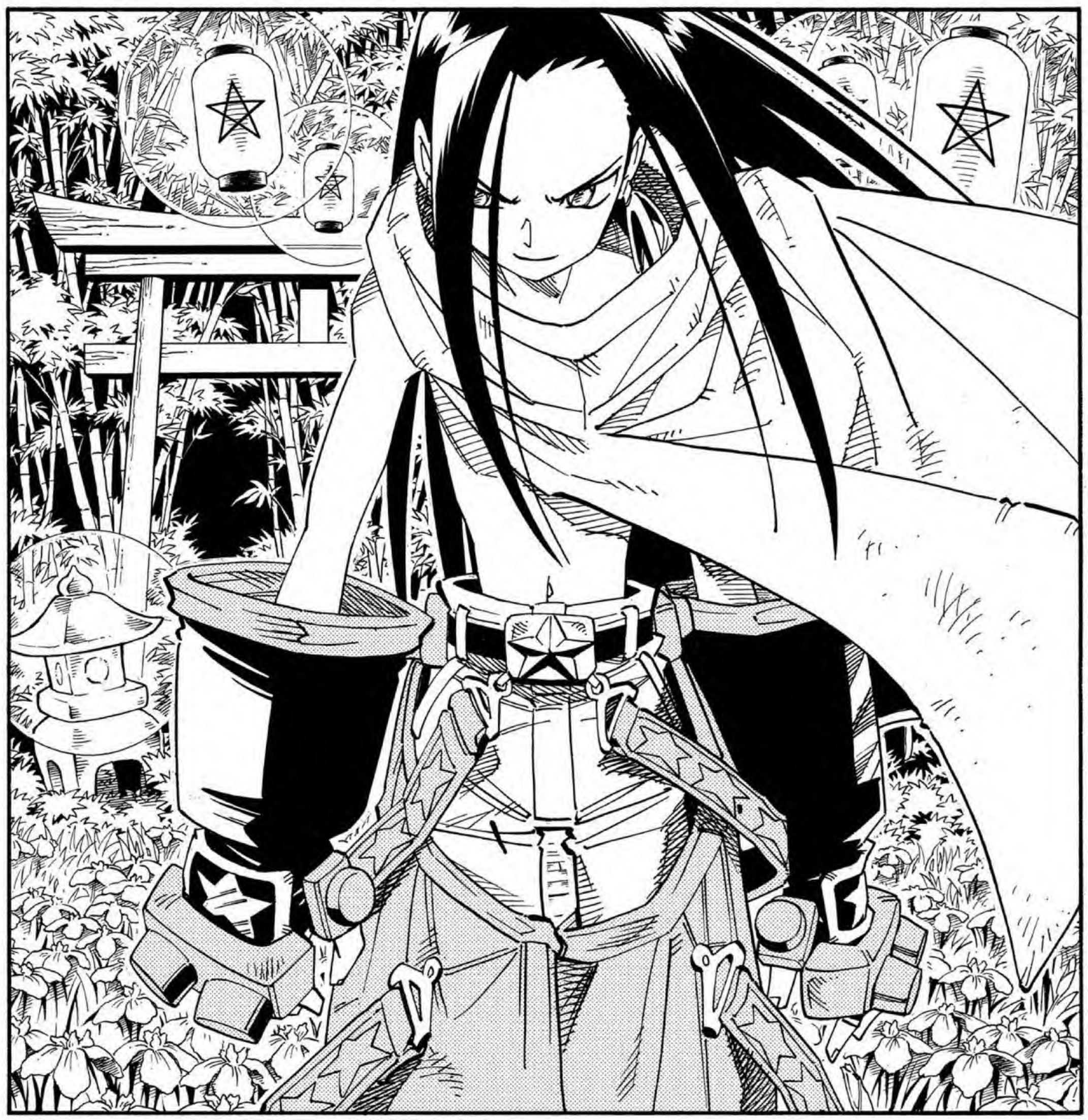
Reincarnation 139: Eternal Maiden

X-LAWS...


I TOLD YOU TO FIGHT ME ALL AT ONCE.
FOOLS.
TMP

...BUT YOUR SACRIFICES WILL ALL BE IN VAIN.
SORRY TO FRUSTRATE YOUR LITTLE RESEARCH PROJECT...

Reincarnation 139: Eternal Maiden



THE FIFTH MATCH, JUST LIKE THE FOURTH, IS OVER ALL TOO SOON!

WOW!

WHAT A SPECTACULAR WIN!!!

WHAT POWER!!! CAN ***ANYONE*** STAND TOE-TO-TOE WITH HAO?!

MUMBL

NO...

MUMBL

MUMBL

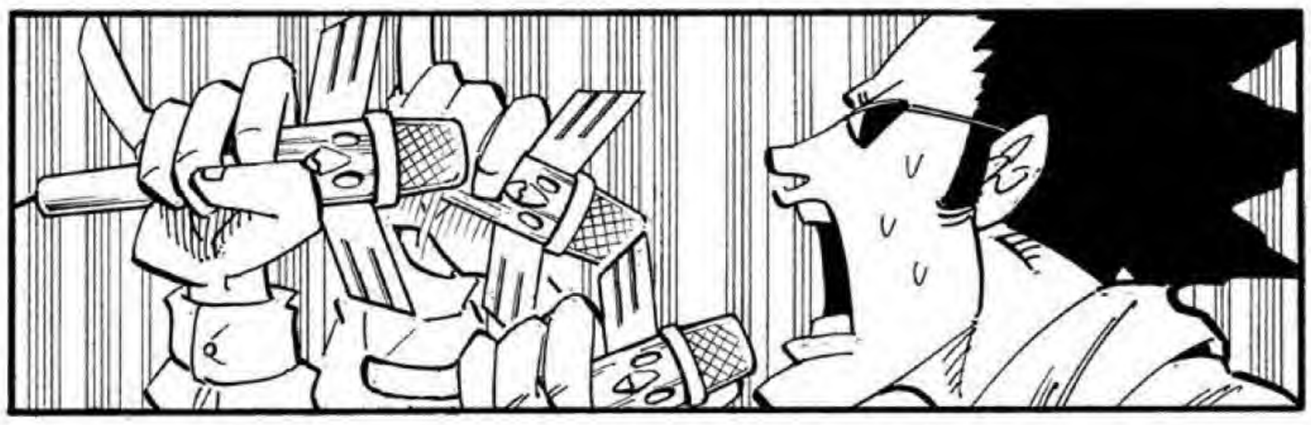
AND X-III HAD ***ANGELS*** FOR THEIR SPIRIT ALLIES!!! A BIG DIFFERENCE FROM MATCH FOUR!!

HMPH...
SO YOU SAW THROUGH US.
YOH?
!
MY BRAVE COMRADES DID NOT DIE IN VAIN.
BUT YOU'RE STILL WRONG.

THANKS TO THEM, I KNOW WHAT YOUR MEDIUM IS!!!

YOUR PUNISHMENT ISN'T OVER YET!!!

DOM

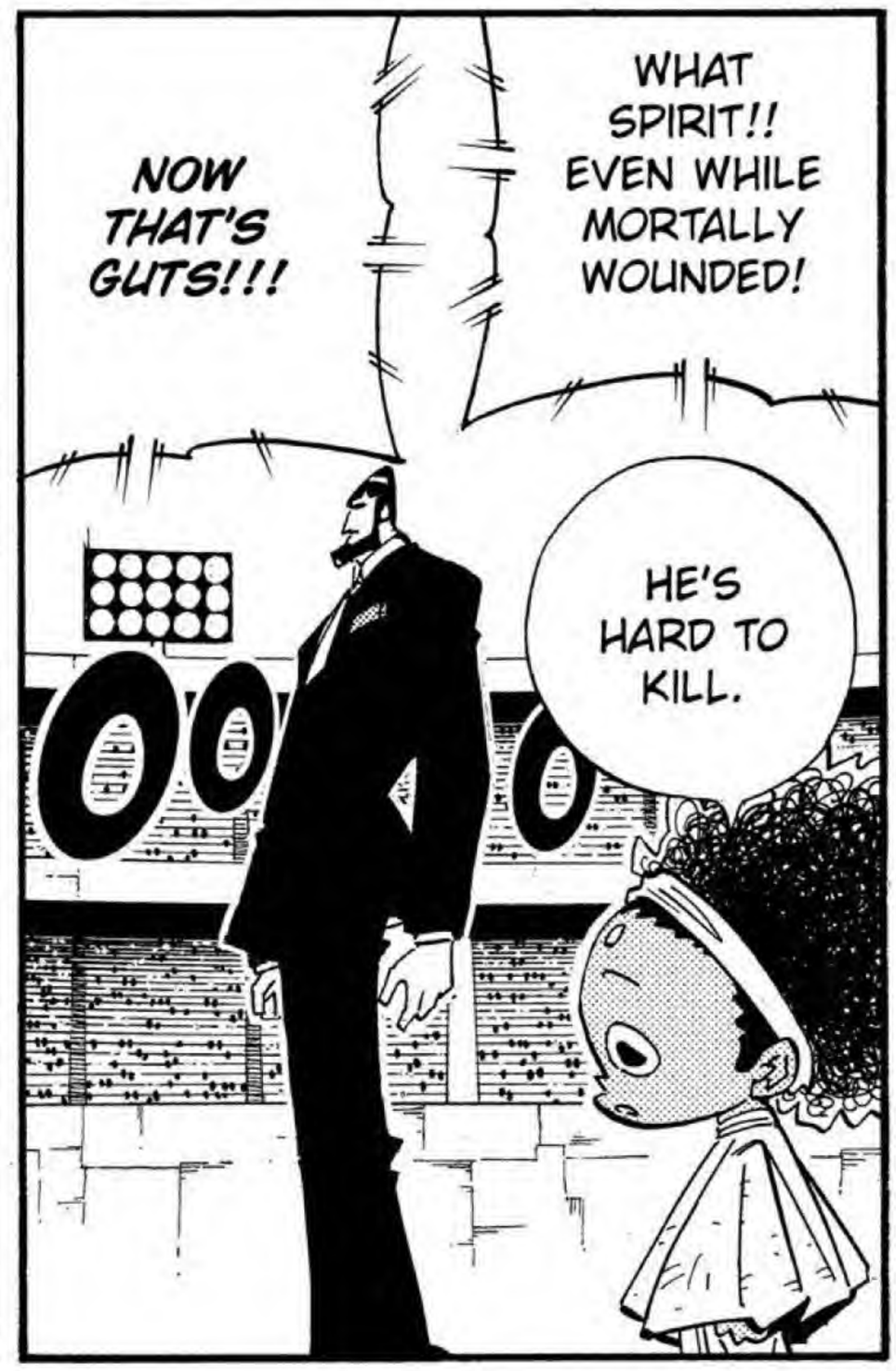


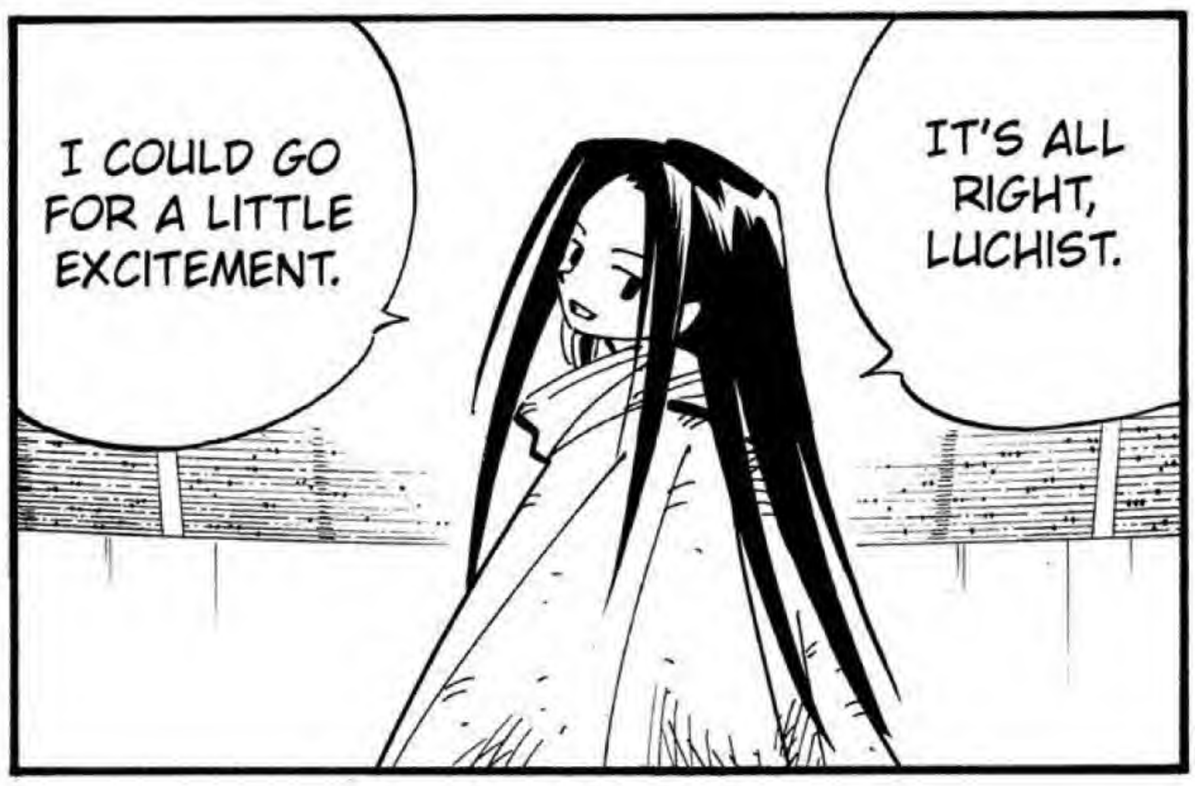
HE'S STILL ALIVE!!!

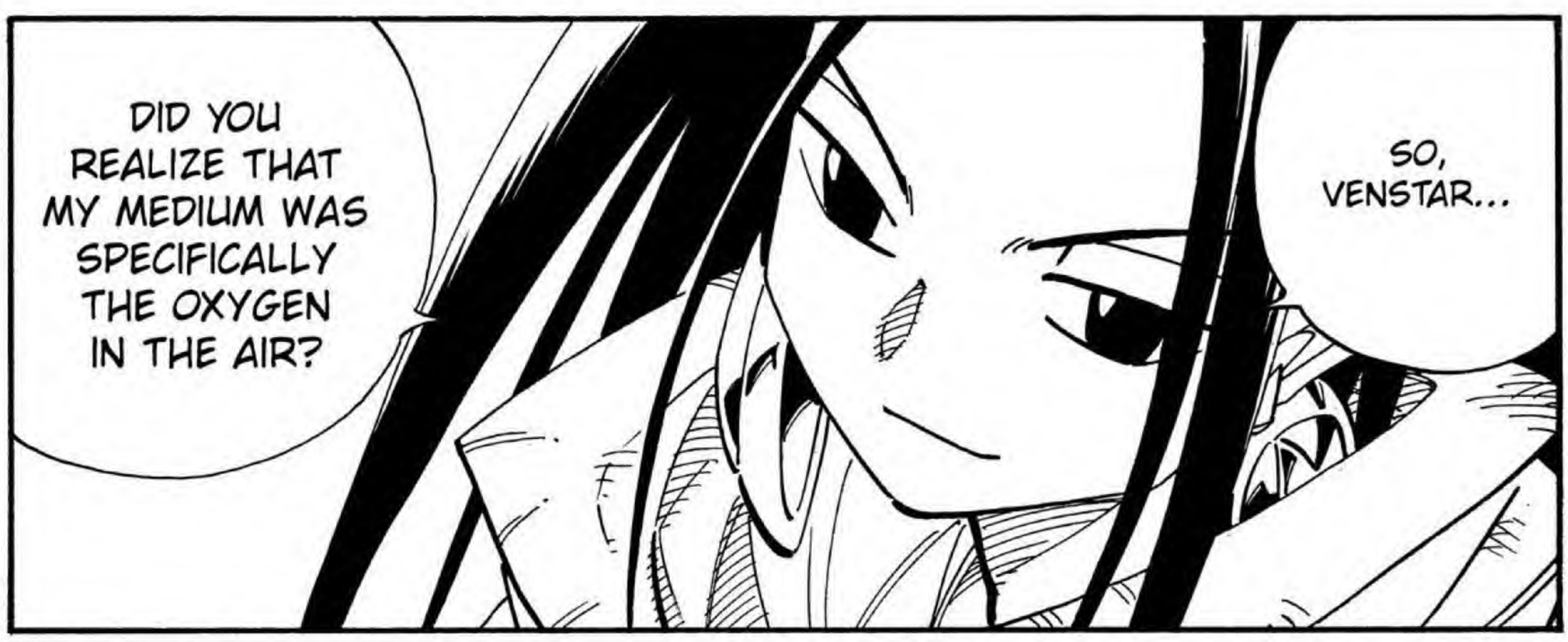
WHOA !!!

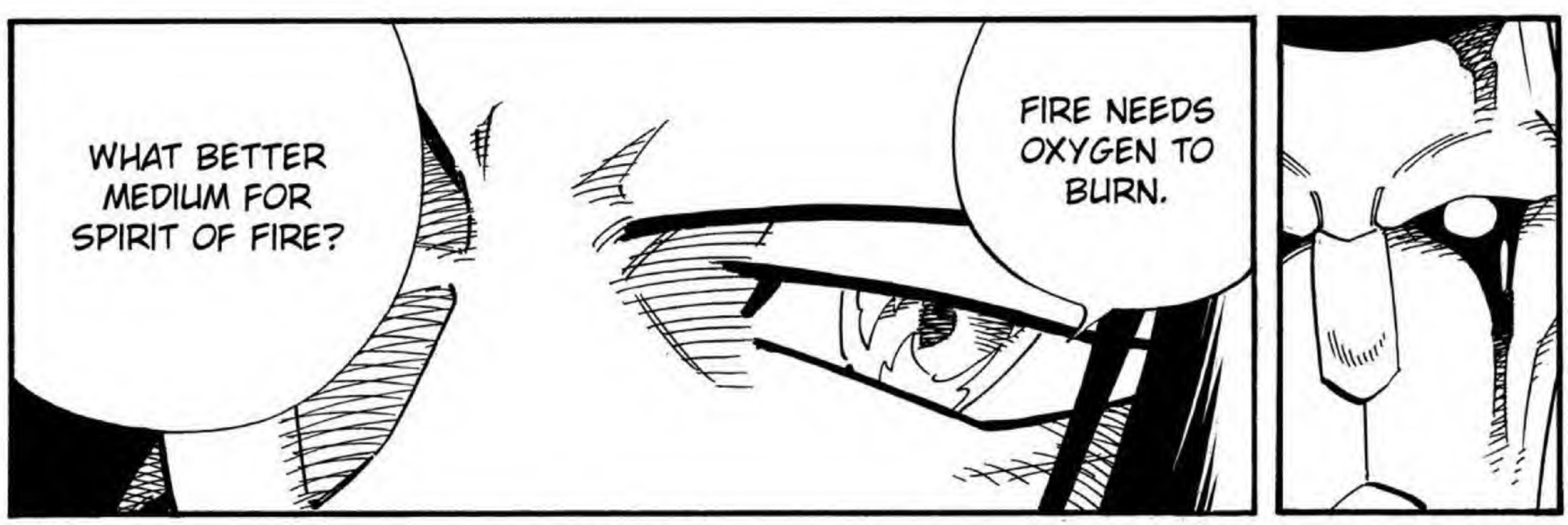
VENSTAR !!!

RIDICULOUS.
HE STILL SPEAKS OF PUNISHMENT. IT'S AN INSULT TO MASTER HAO.


NOW THAT'S GUTS!!!
WHAT SPIRIT!! EVEN WHILE MORTALLY WOUNDED!
HE'S HARD TO KILL.


I COULD GO FOR A LITTLE EXCITEMENT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, LUCHIST.


DID YOU REALIZE THAT MY MEDIUM WAS SPECIFICALLY THE OXYGEN IN THE AIR?
SO, VENSTAR...

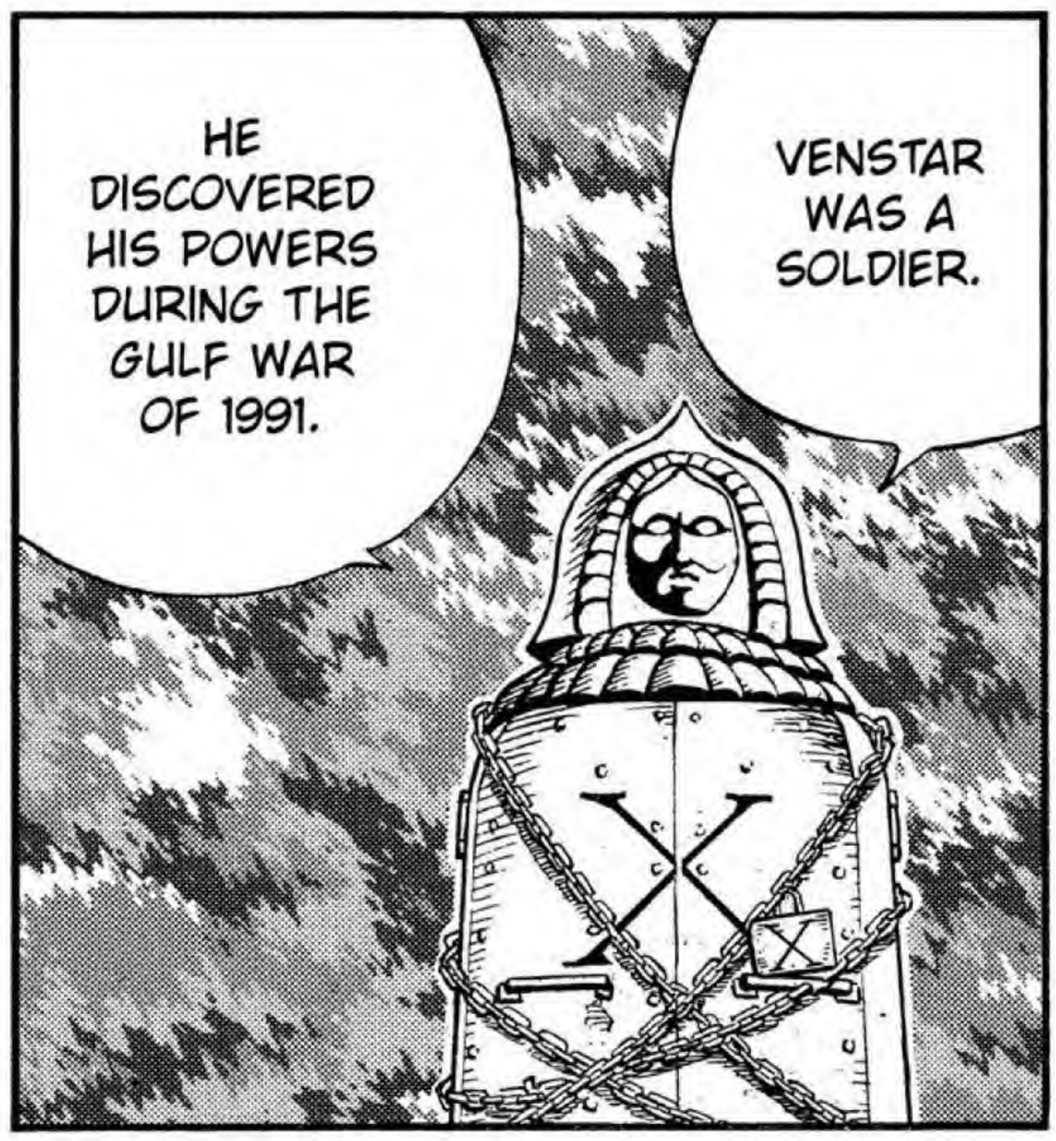

WHAT BETTER MEDIUM FOR SPIRIT OF FIRE?
FIRE NEEDS OXYGEN TO BURN.

OR IS HE JUST MOCKING US?
THEN HE DOESN'T CARE IF WE KNOW.

HE GAVE AWAY THE SECRET HIMSELF.
...!

HE'S MOCKING THE DEATHS OF CEBIN AND MEENE.
BOTH.

WHAT?!


HE DISCOVERED HIS POWERS DURING THE GULF WAR OF 1991.
VENSTAR WAS A SOLDIER.

VENSTAR ISN'T GIVEN TO IDLE THREATS.
MARCO...

...VENSTAR MAY YET BE ABLE TO VISIT PUNISHMENT UPON HIM.

AND IF HAO'S WORDS ARE TRUE...

KOFF! SHUT UP, EVIL ONE.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING...

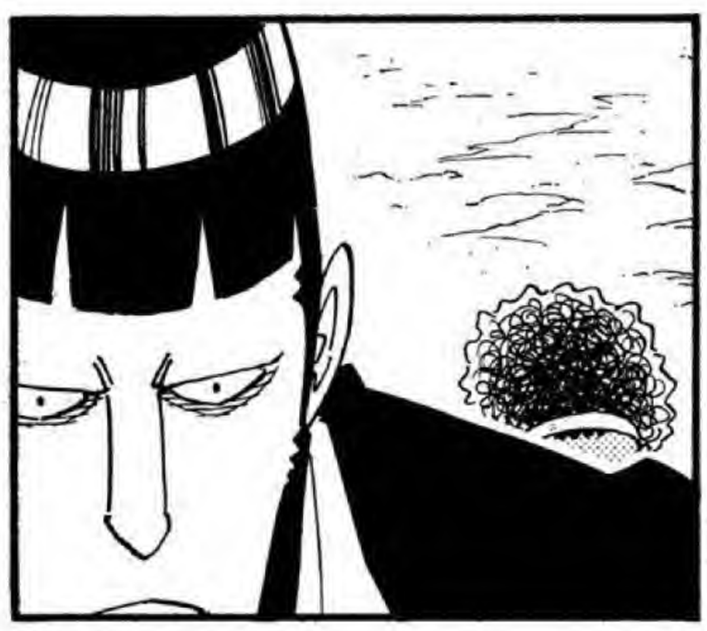
...YOU'D BETTER DO IT SOON. YOU'RE DYING.

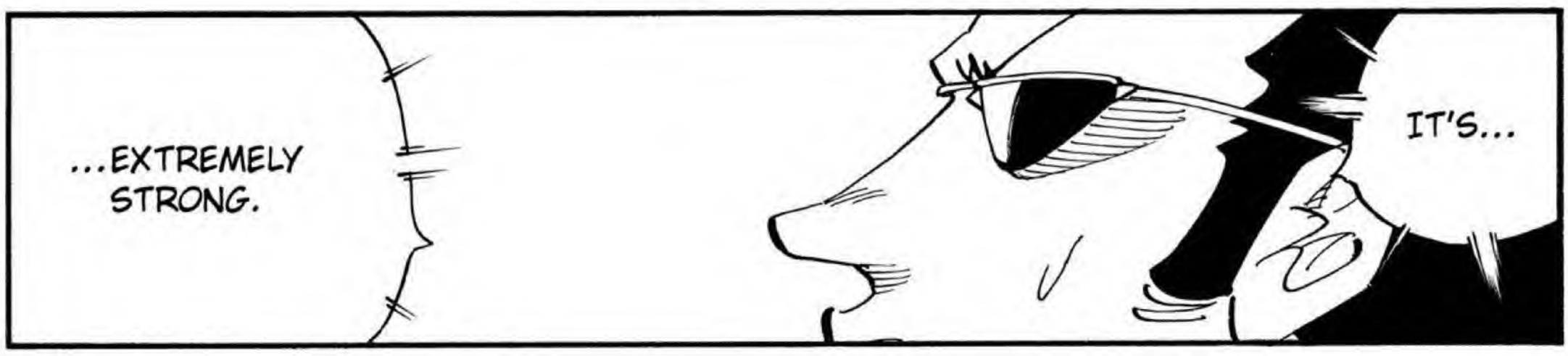
HOW STRONG IS THE FORCE FIELD AROUND THIS RING?

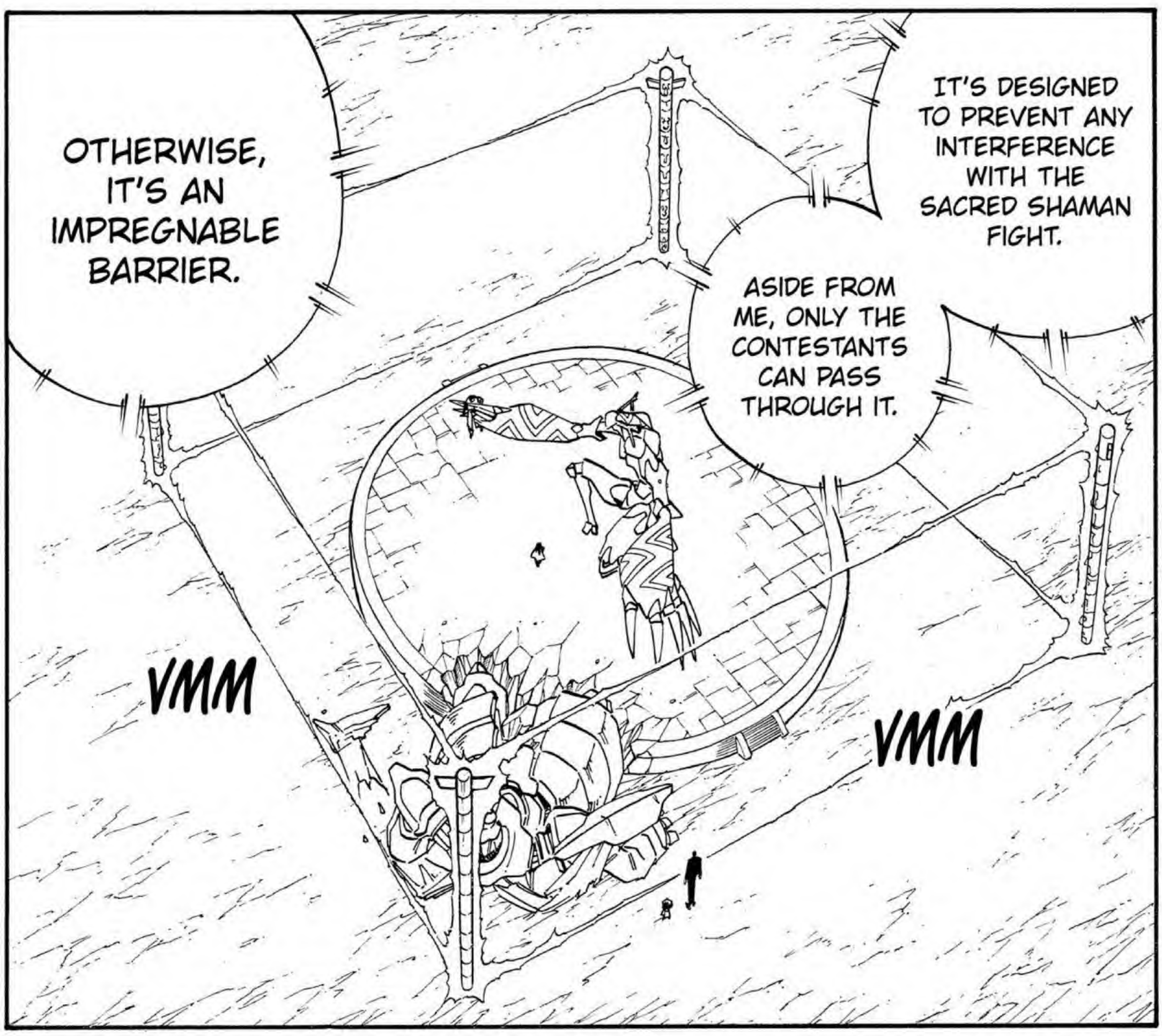
HUFF

HUFF

CAN I ASK A QUESTION, RADIM?




...EXTREMELY STRONG.
IT'S...


OTHERWISE, IT'S AN IMPREGNABLE BARRIER.
IT'S DESIGNED TO PREVENT ANY INTERFERENCE WITH THE SACRED SHAMAN FIGHT.
ASIDE FROM ME, ONLY THE CONTESTANTS CAN PASS THROUGH IT.
VMM
VMM

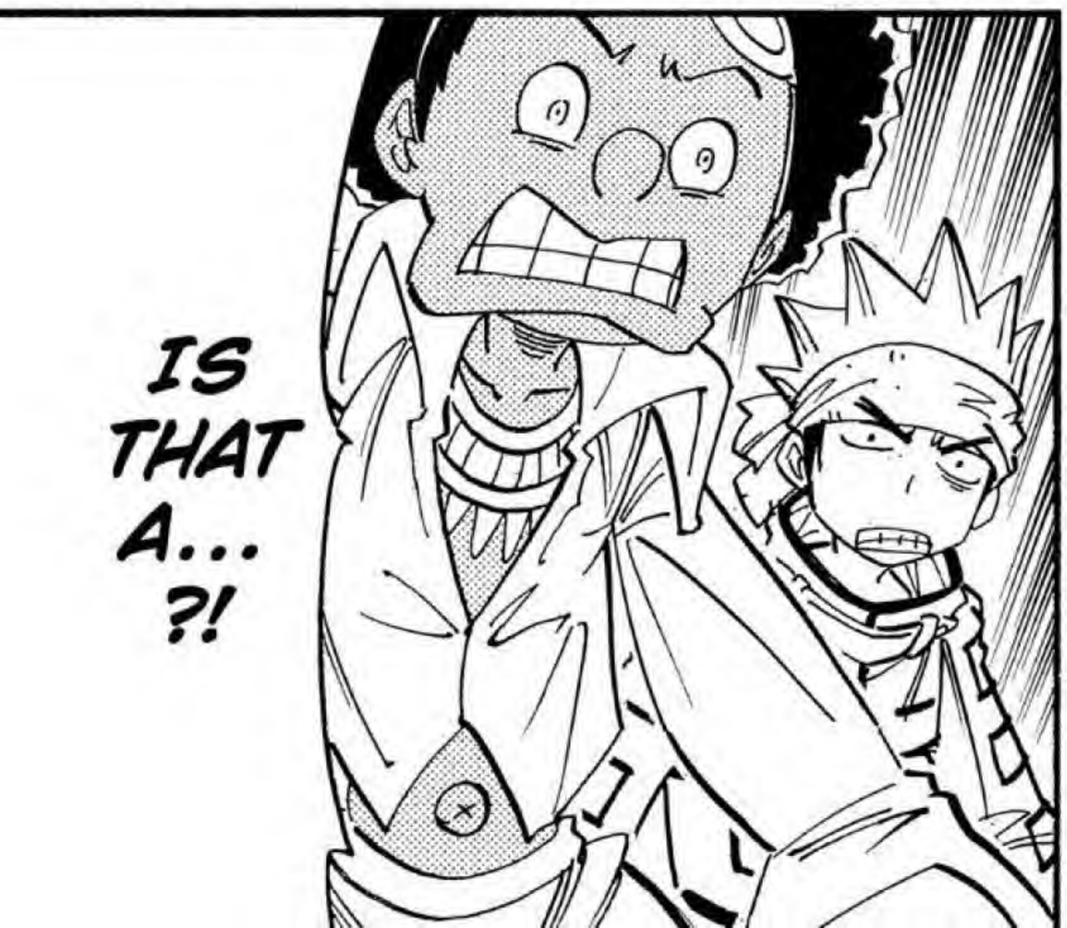
POP

I SEE.
THAT'S A RELIEF.

...LADY JEANNE WOULD BE SAFE IN THE STANDS.

THEN IF THERE WERE A MASSIVE EXPLOSION IN HERE...

PLINK



VENSTAR MODIFIED IT HIMSELF FOR A SITUATION JUST LIKE THIS.

HAND GRENADE X.

VENSTAR CARRIED IT IN A FIREPROOF POCKET TO KEEP HAO FROM IGNITING IT.

IT'S FIVE TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN AN ORDINARY GRENADE.

IT CONTAINS ENOUGH EXPLOSIVES TO DESTROY THIS ENTIRE ARENA.

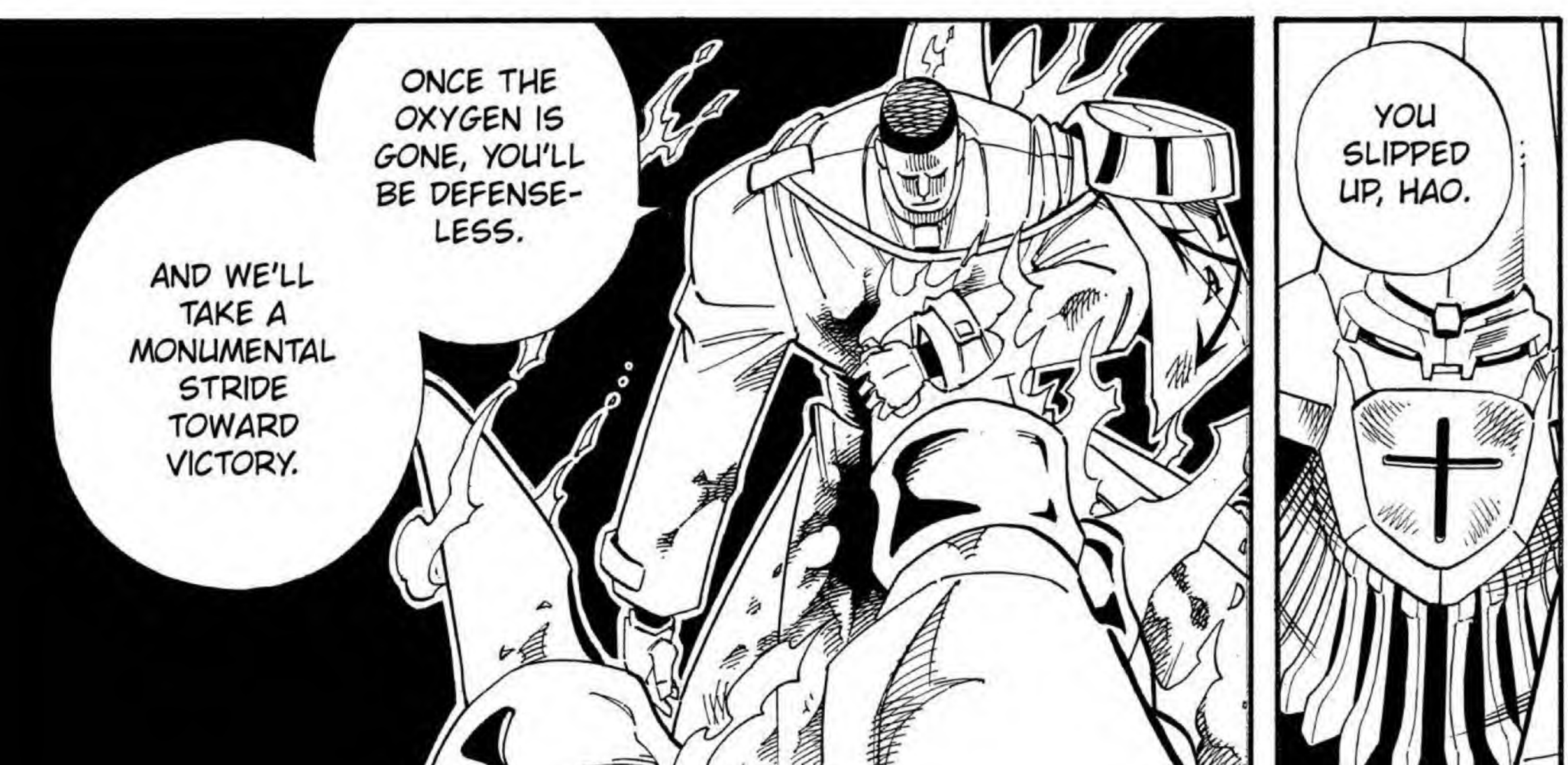
...THE BLAST WILL CONSUME EVERY MOLECULE OF OXYGEN IN THE RING.

WHEN IT DETONATES...

NO! MASTER HAO!!

WHAM

KLANG

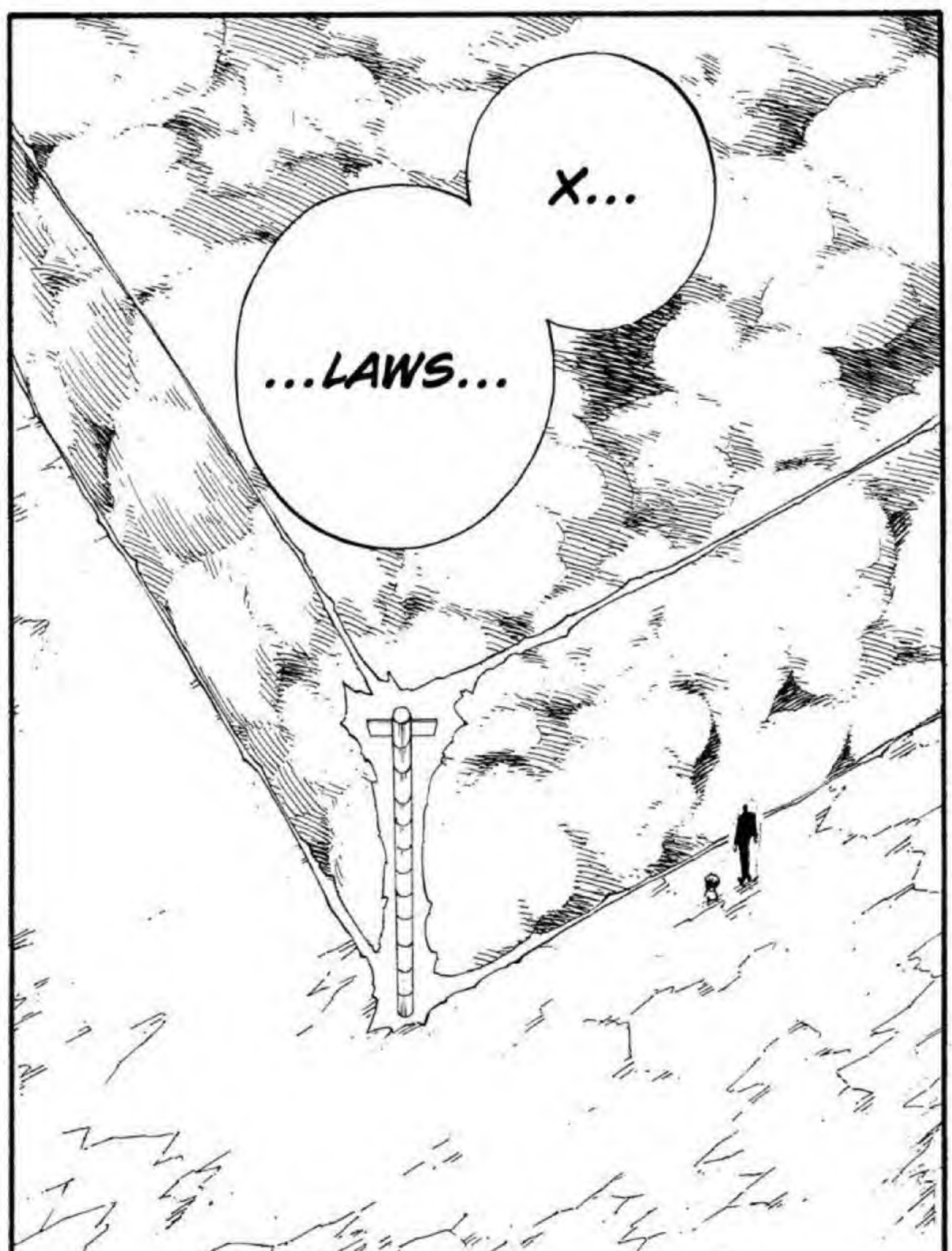

ONCE THE OXYGEN IS GONE, YOU'LL BE DEFENSELESS.
AND WE'LL TAKE A MONUMENTAL STRIDE TOWARD VICTORY.
YOU SLIPPED UP, HAO.

LONG LIVE LADY JEANNE.

BOOM
THWOOO
RRMMMMB

RRAMMB

THEY'RE NUTS. BUT WHO'S GONNA CALL FOUL?
...
HE BLEW HIMSELF UP.


X...
...LAWS...

VENSTAR...

THAT...

...DIDN'T KILL HIM.

I'D BE SURPRISED IF EVEN HAO COULD SURVIVE THAT.

I'M SPEECHLESS. I DON'T LIKE THEM, BUT YOU GOTTA GIVE 'EM CREDIT...

YOH?!

CHIEF?!

I'M SICK AND TIRED...

...OF BEING MAD ALL THE TIME.

HOW MUCH WILL I HAVE TO ENDURE?

GRK

HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP PLAYING WITH PEOPLE'S SOULS...

...GREAT ONMYOJI...HAO ASAKURA?

Shaman King

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VENSTAR

2001
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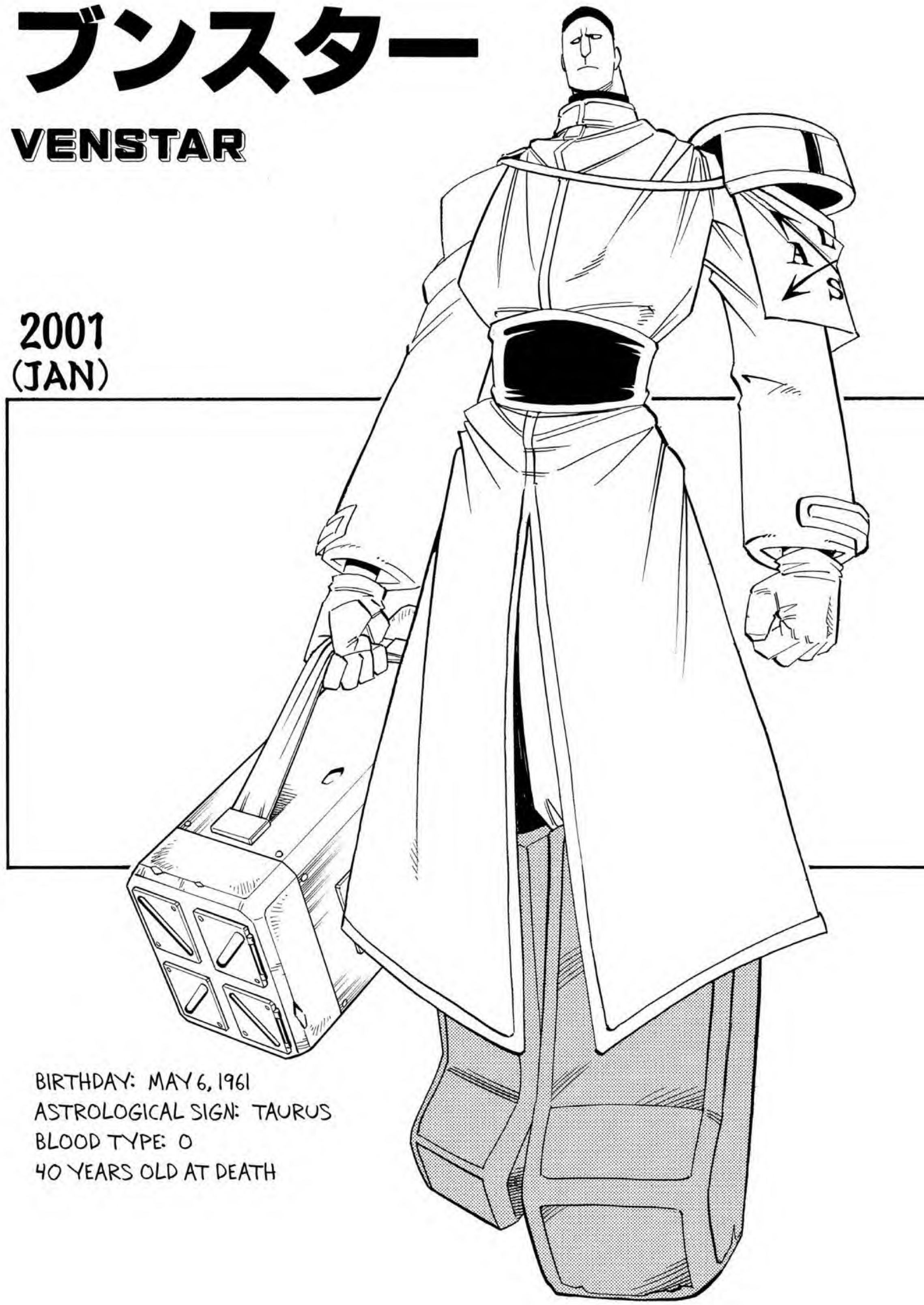


BIRTHDAY: MAY 6, 1961
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: TAURUS
BLOOD TYPE: O
40 YEARS OLD AT DEATH

FWOOOOOO

HE'S ALIVE.

WHOA

...

IMPOSS-IBLE!

...

MUMBL MUMBL MUMBL

NO WAY. HOW COULD ANYTHING SURVIVE THAT?

Reincarnation 140: Logic

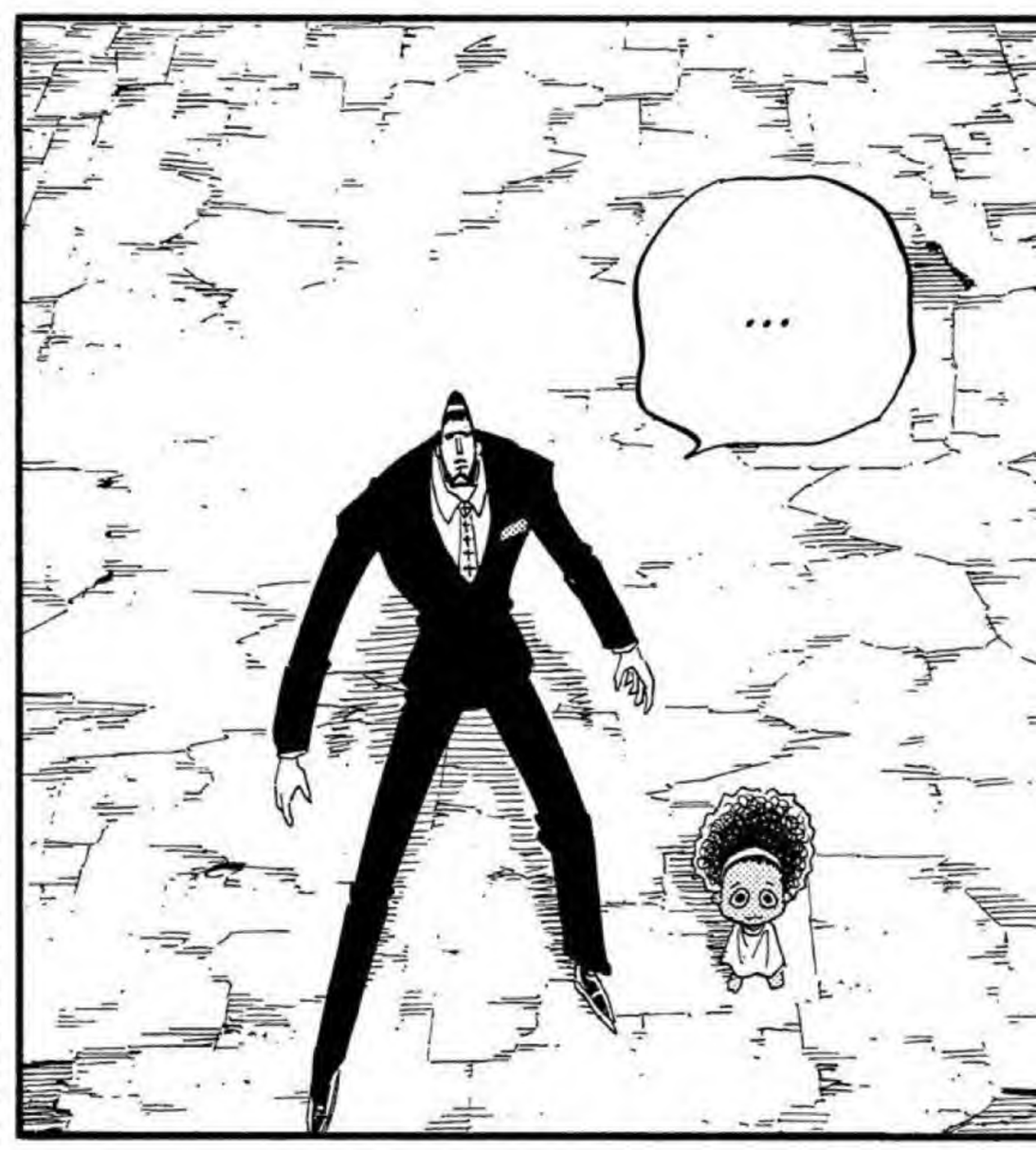
IT WASN'T BLOWN OUT!!
RRMMM
SPIRIT OF FIRE!

Reincarnation 140: Logic

KRMM
MBB

THAT'S NOT SPIRIT OF FIRE.

NO.


...

BLOP

...HAS TURNED TO WATER!!

MASTER HAO'S SPIRIT OF FIRE...

IT'S WATER!

KSHHH

MUMBLL

I DON'T GET IT!!

MUMBLL

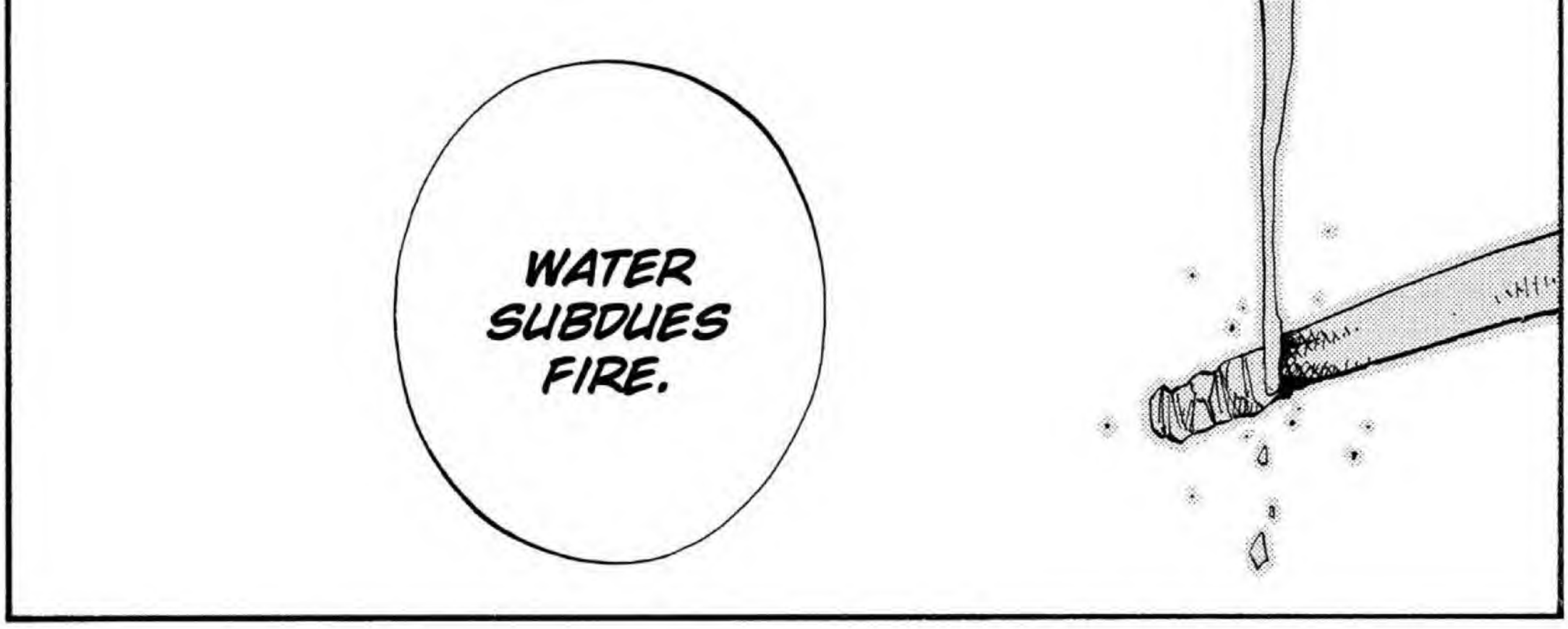
...

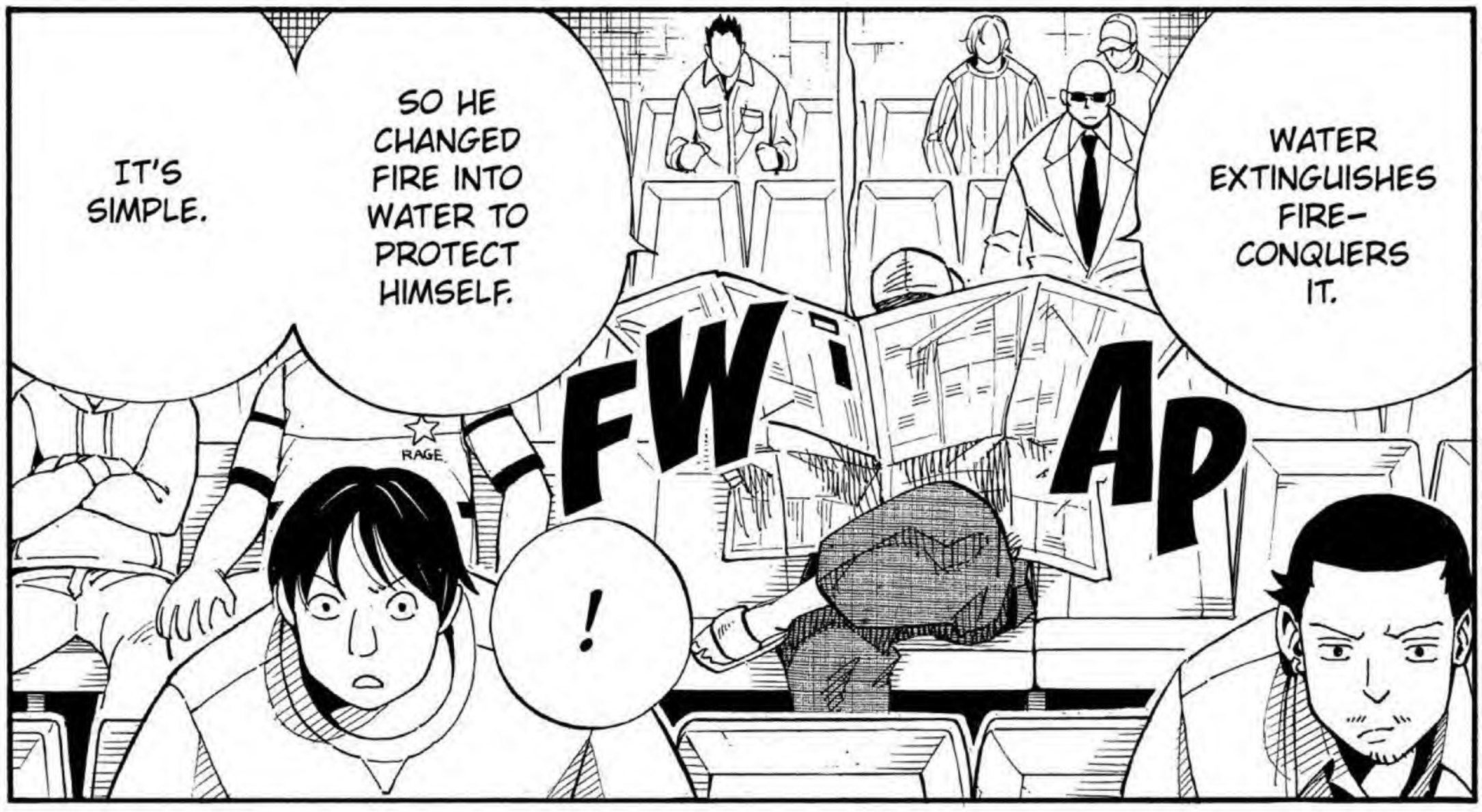
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

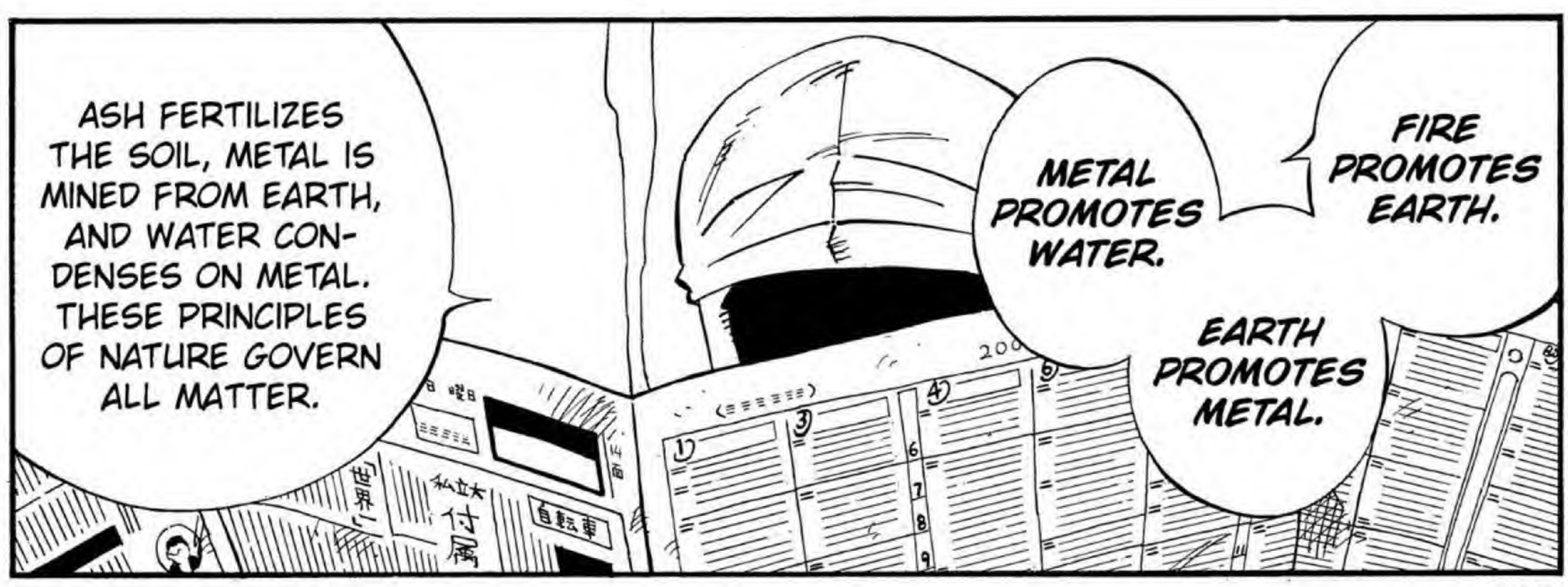
HAMAN

WHOA...


WATER SUBDUES FIRE.

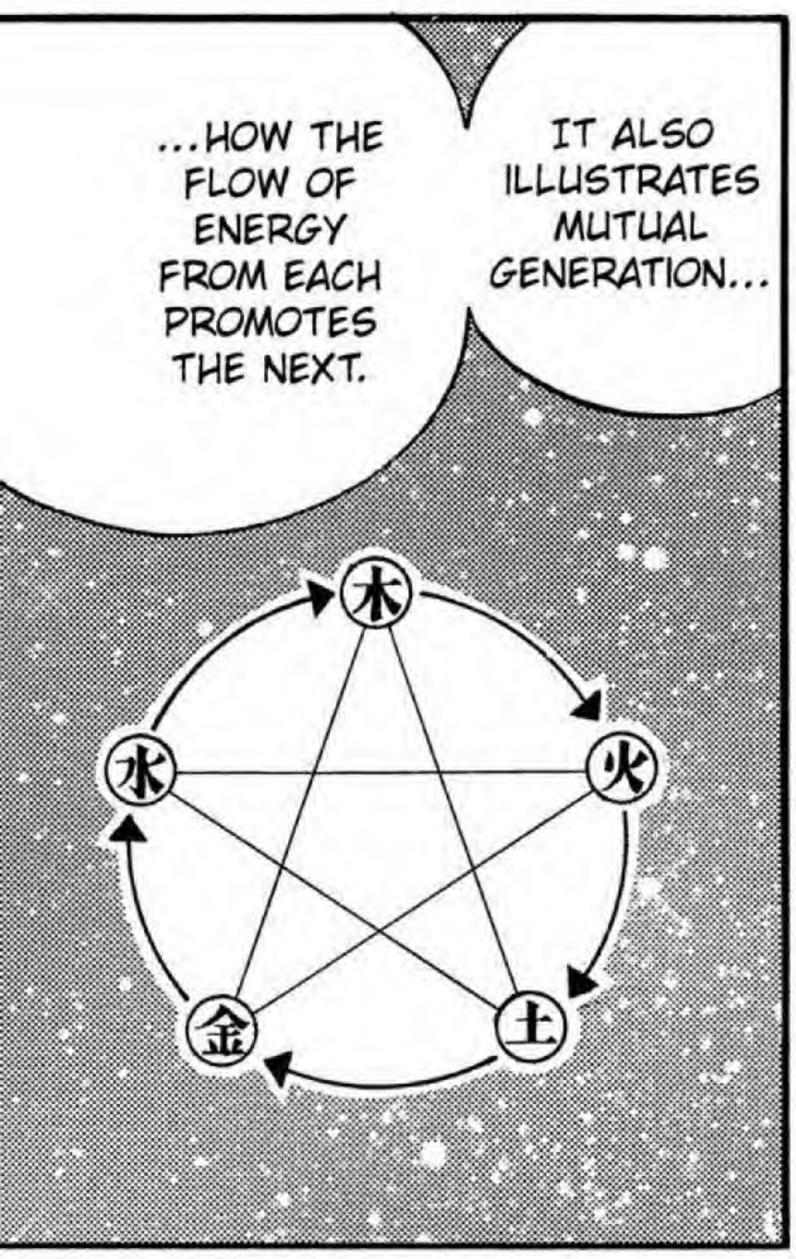

IT'S SIMPLE.
SO HE CHANGED FIRE INTO WATER TO PROTECT HIMSELF.
WATER EXTINGUISHES FIRE– CONQUERS IT.
RAGE
FWAP
!

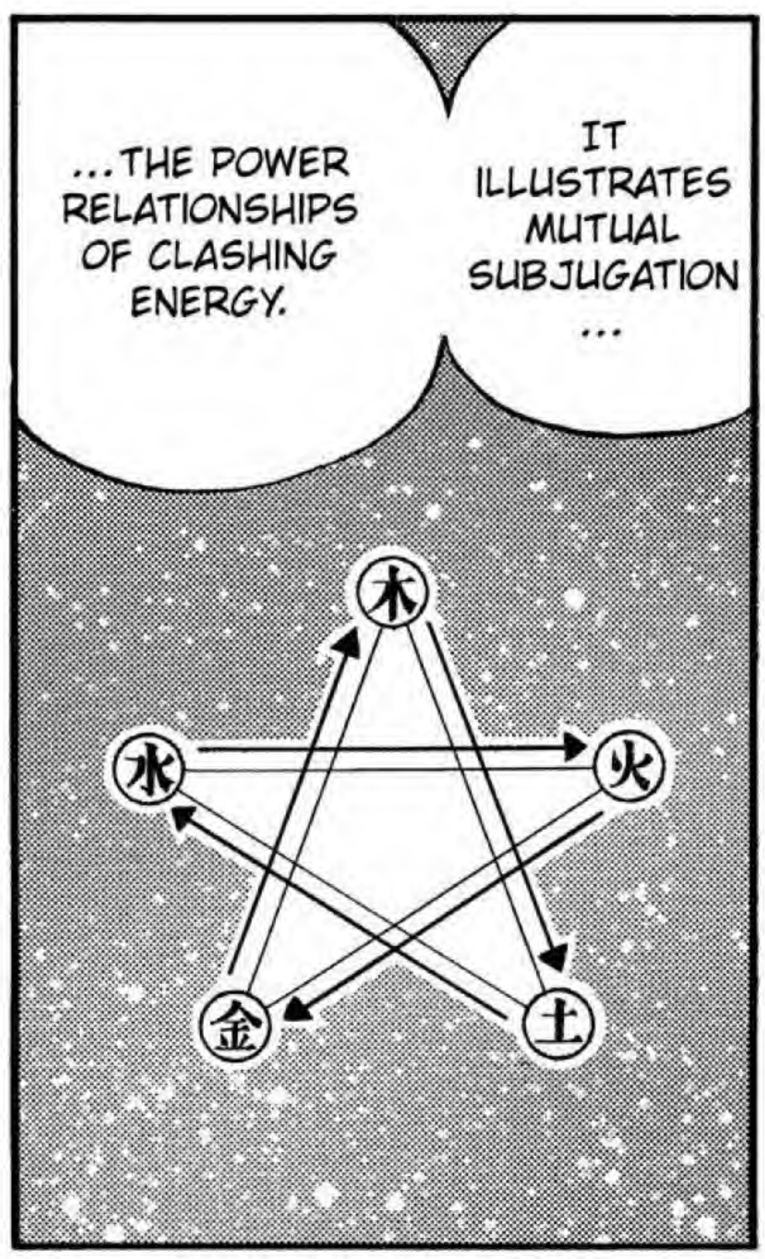
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MAN?
HEY...
HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS?


ASH FERTILIZES THE SOIL, METAL IS MINED FROM EARTH, AND WATER CONDENSES ON METAL. THESE PRINCIPLES OF NATURE GOVERN ALL MATTER.
METAL PROMOTES WATER.
FIRE PROMOTES EARTH.
EARTH PROMOTES METAL.

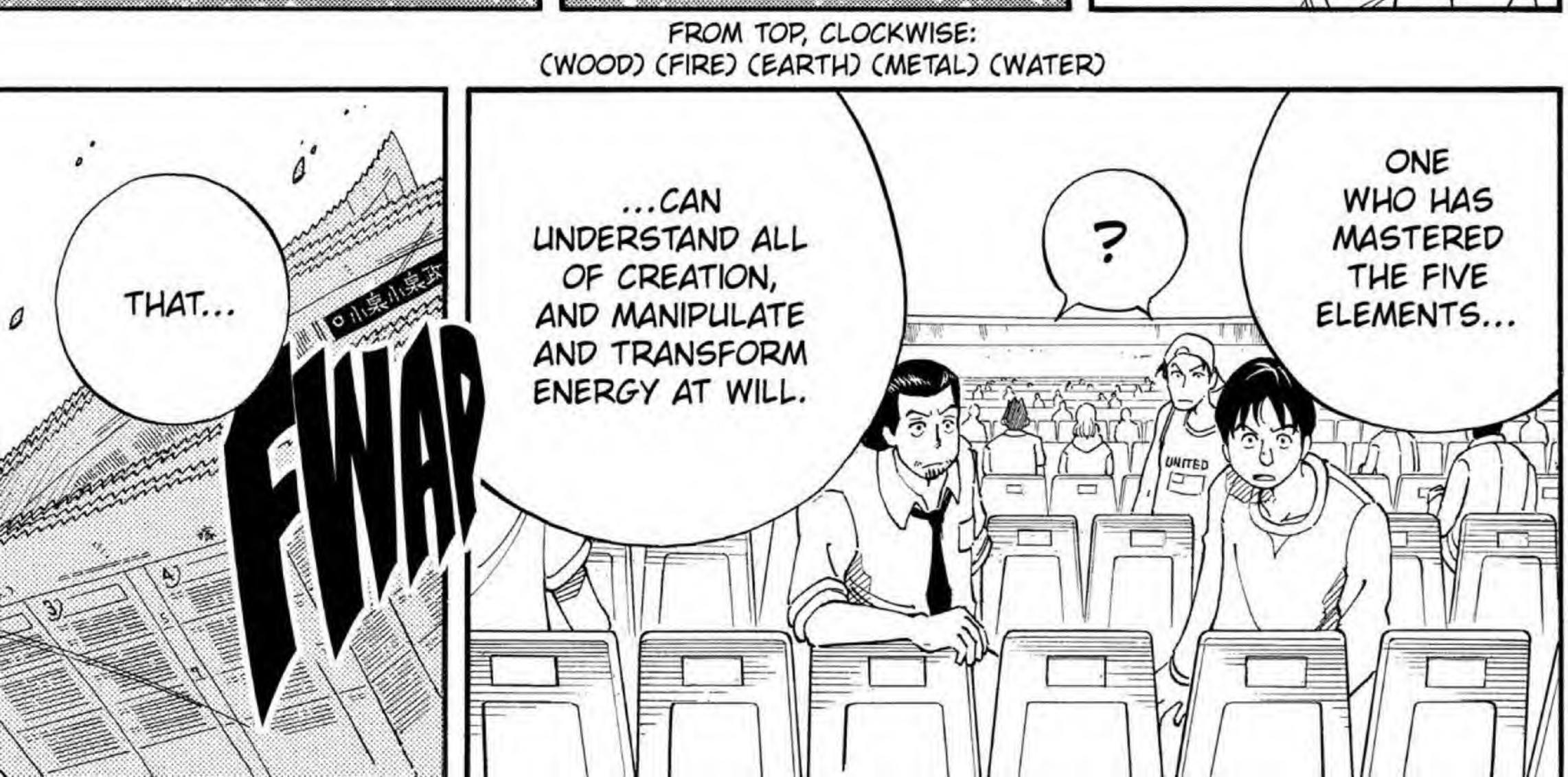
...SYMBOLIZES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FIVE ELEMENTS, FROM WHICH EVERYTHING ON EARTH IS COMPOSED– ***WOOD, FIRE, EARTH, METAL, AND WATER.***

THAT FIVE-POINTED STAR HE WEARS...





FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE:
(WOOD) (FIRE) (EARTH) (METAL) (WATER)



...IS THE POWER OF HAO ASAKURA, THE GREAT ONMYOJI.

DOOM

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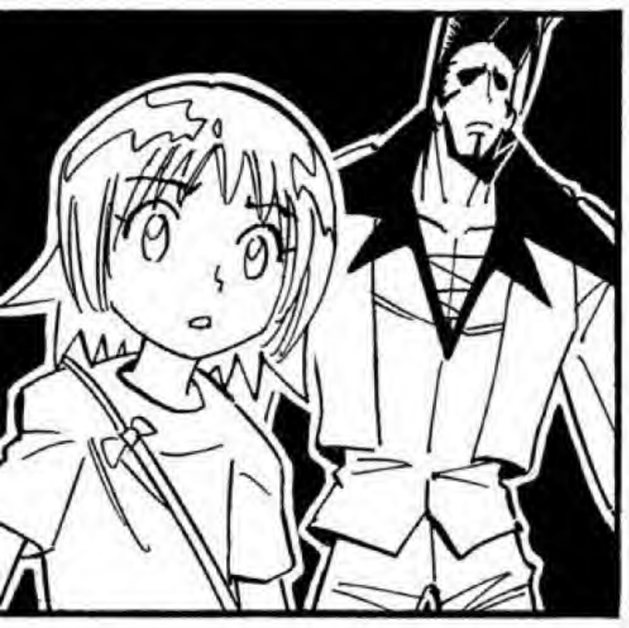
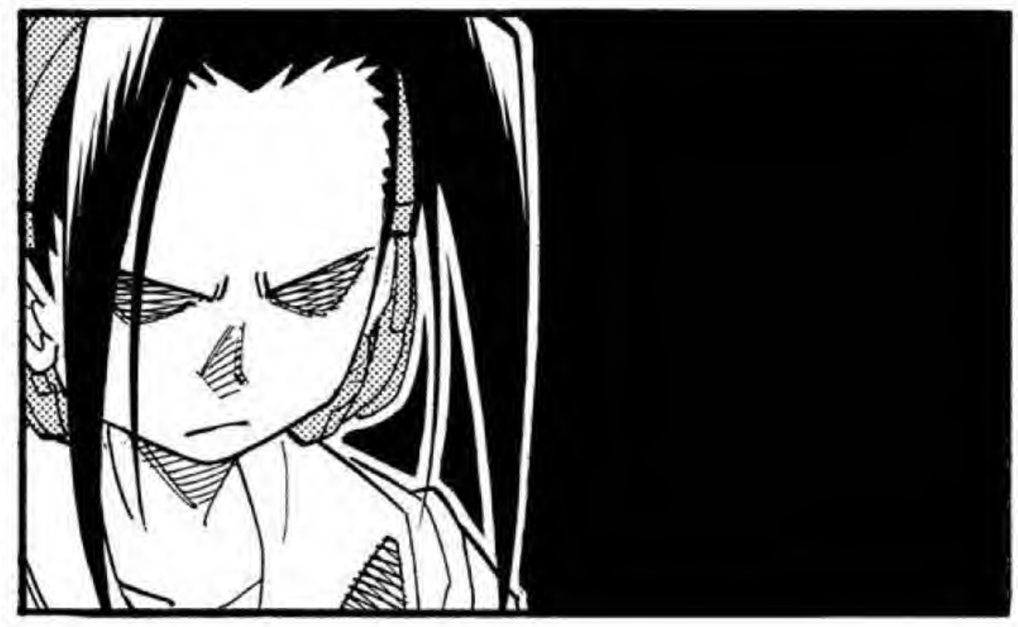
...GREAT ONMYOJI...

THE...

...HAO ASAKURA ?!





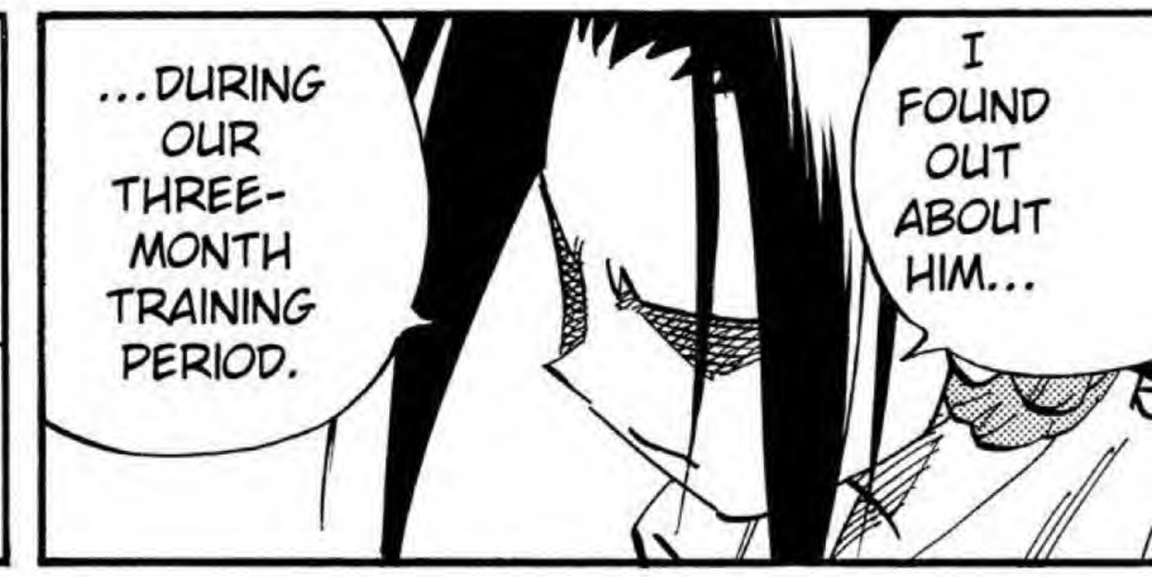
HORO-HORO!

DOOM!!

WHAT'S THIS ALL MEAN, YOH?!

YOU KNEW ABOUT HIM ALL ALONG AND YOU DIDN'T TELL US?!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?



I SHOULD'VE REALIZED!!

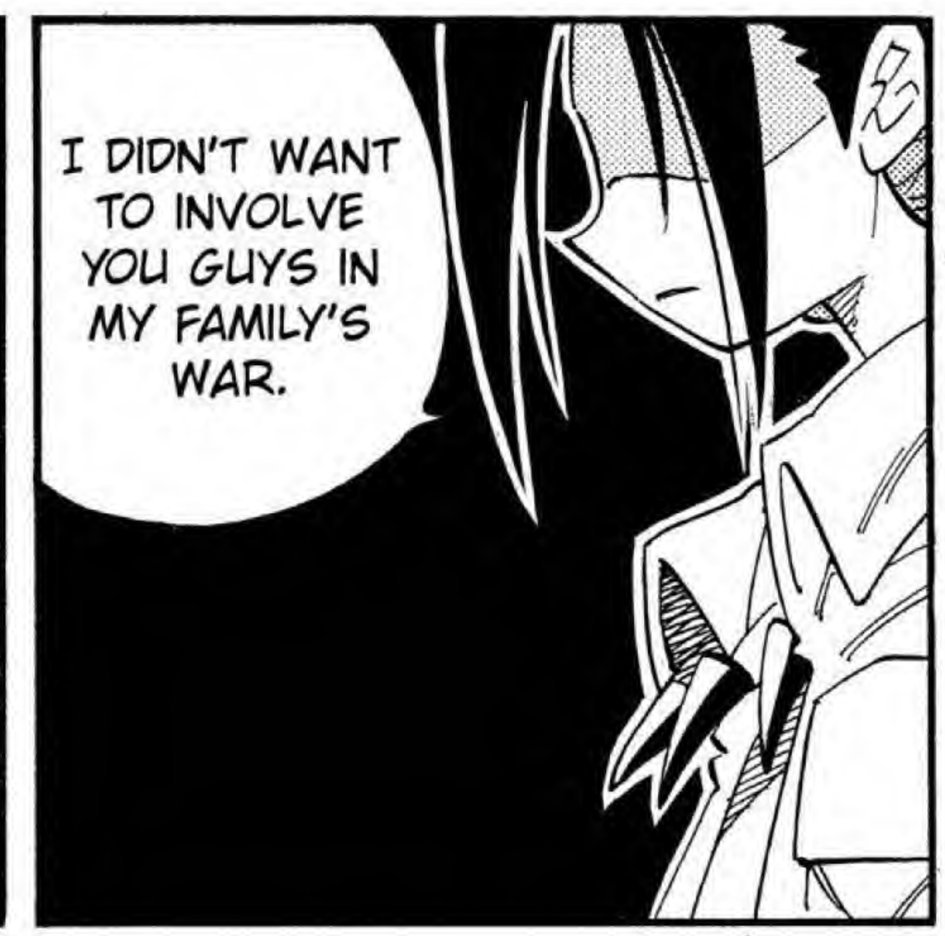
NO WONDER YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD!

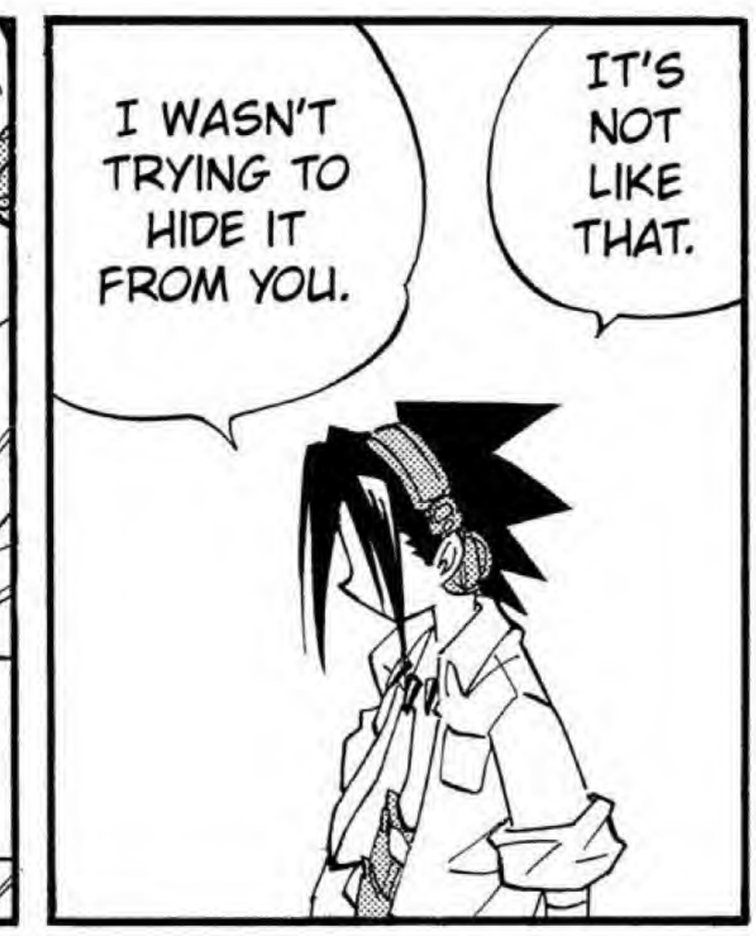
YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING IT ALL IN!

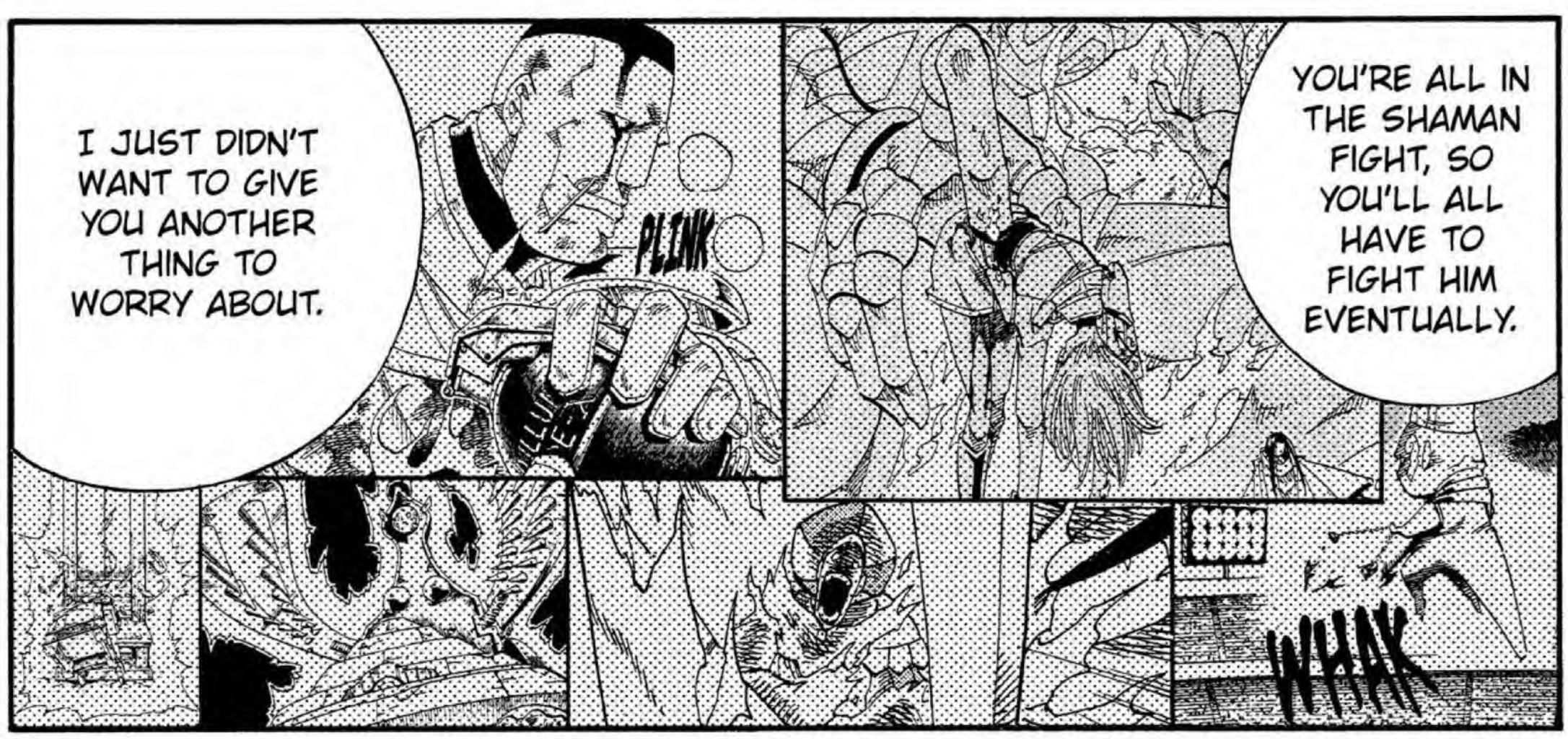
WHO IS HE TO YOU?!

TELL US THE TRUTH, YOH!

HOLDING IT IN?!







HE'S-

BUT I CAN'T KEEP IT TO MYSELF ANYMORE.

YAAH!!

TWEEK

JUST AN ANCESTOR.

"JUST"?!

ALL THE MORE REASON WE SHOULDN'T INTERFERE.

TMP

HURT?! YOH'S MY FRIEND! I CAN'T BACK OFF!

TWEEK

FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO. NOW BACK OFF BEFORE YOU GET YOURSELF HURT.

OF COURSE.

krek krek

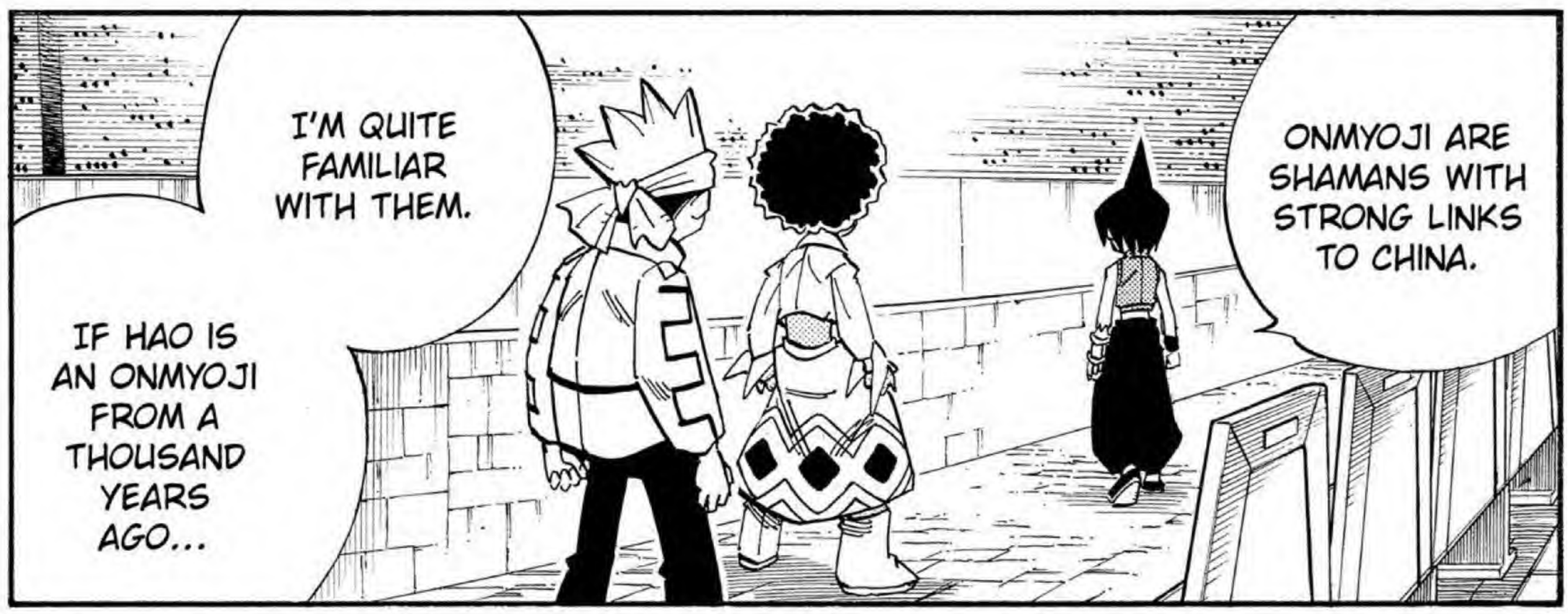
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

YOH MUST DEAL WITH THIS HIMSELF.

DOOM

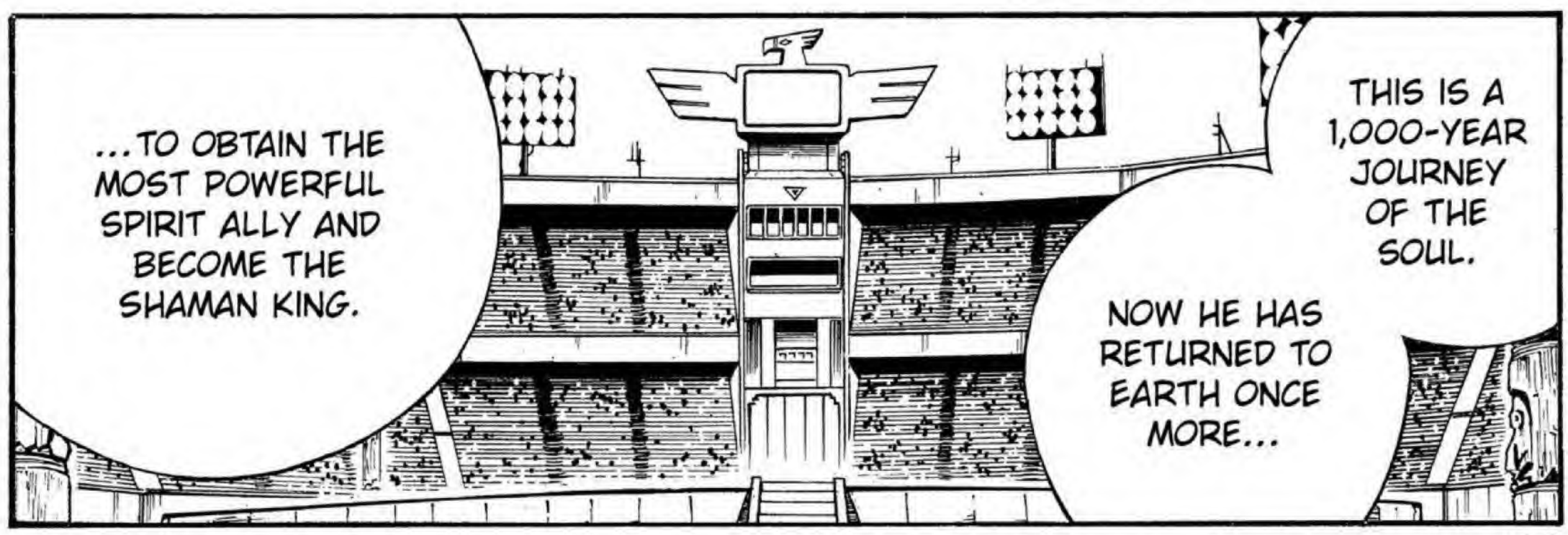
LOGICAL?

IT'S PERFECTLY LOGICAL.

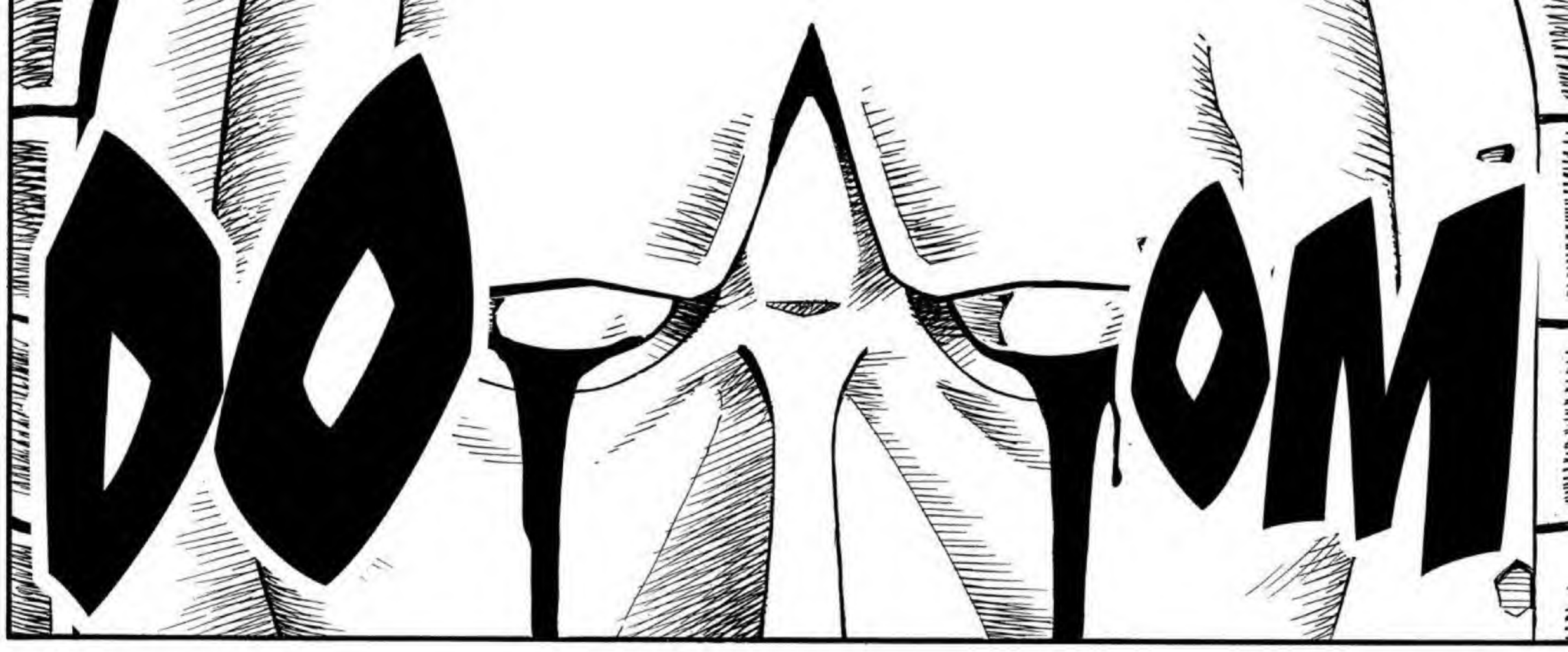

I'M QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THEM.
ONMYOJI ARE SHAMANS WITH STRONG LINKS TO CHINA.
IF HAO IS AN ONMYOJI FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...

...WAS HAO AS WELL.
...THEN THE MAN LILIRARA SHOWED US FROM 500 YEARS AGO...

WHAT?!
?


...TO OBTAIN THE MOST POWERFUL SPIRIT ALLY AND BECOME THE SHAMAN KING.
THIS IS A 1,000-YEAR JOURNEY OF THE SOUL.
NOW HE HAS RETURNED TO EARTH ONCE MORE...

HAO REINCARNATED AS A PATCH 500 YEARS AGO AND STOLE THEIR FIRE SPIRIT.
...HE HAS THE MOST POWERFUL OVER SOUL IN THE WORLD.
NOW, COMBINED WITH HIS OWN FORMIDABLE SKILLS...
HAO
HAO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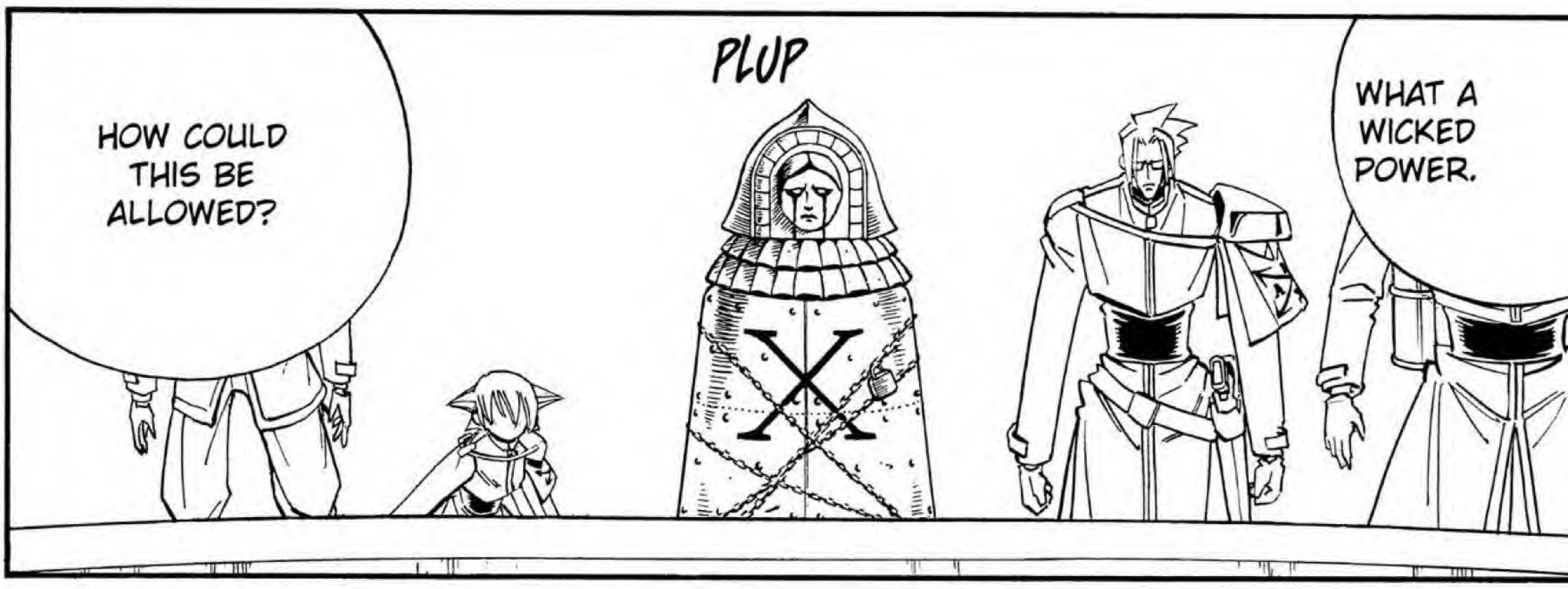
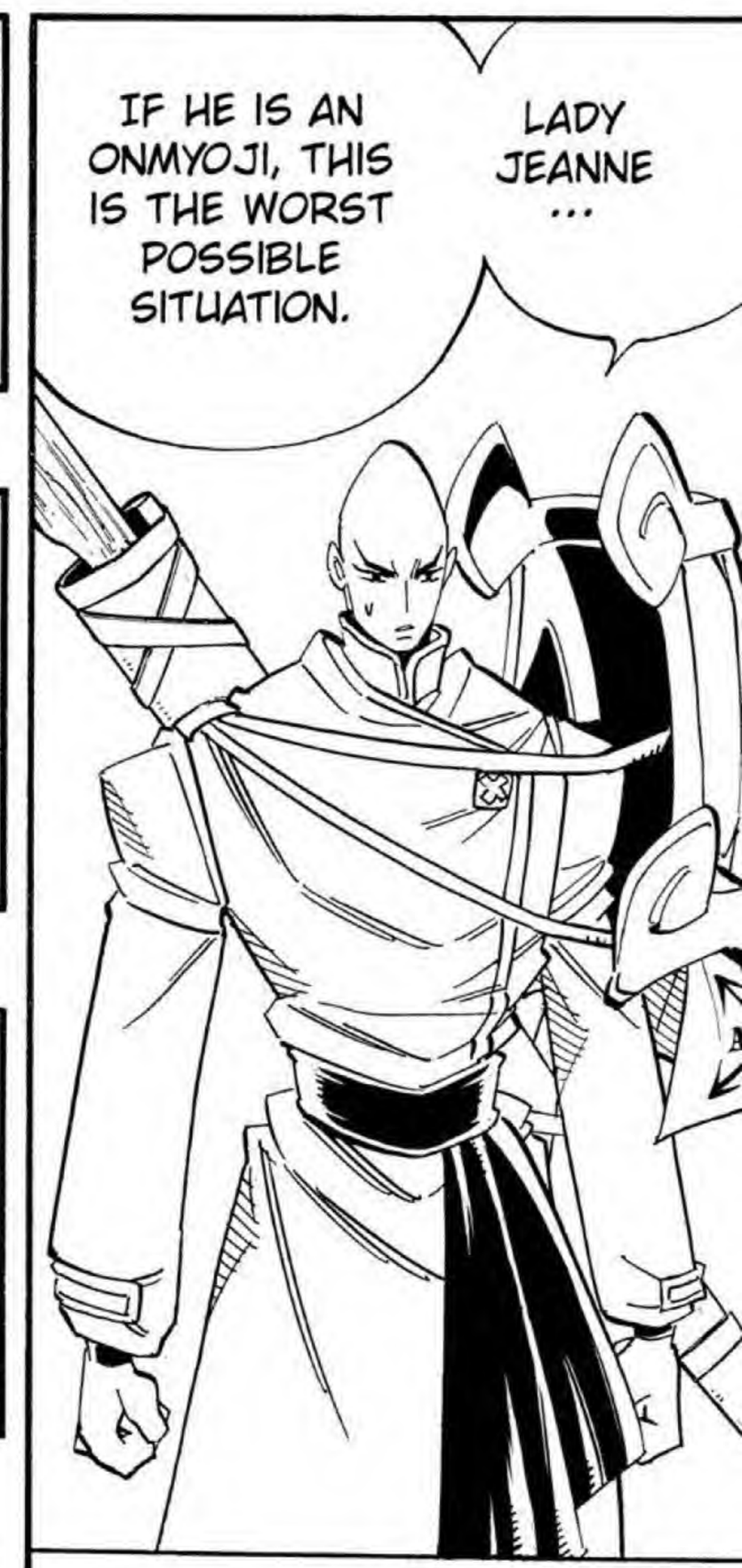

HOW COULD THIS BE ALLOWED?
PLUP
WHAT A WICKED POWER.

...MAY WELL BE INVINCIBLE.
HIS OVER SOUL...

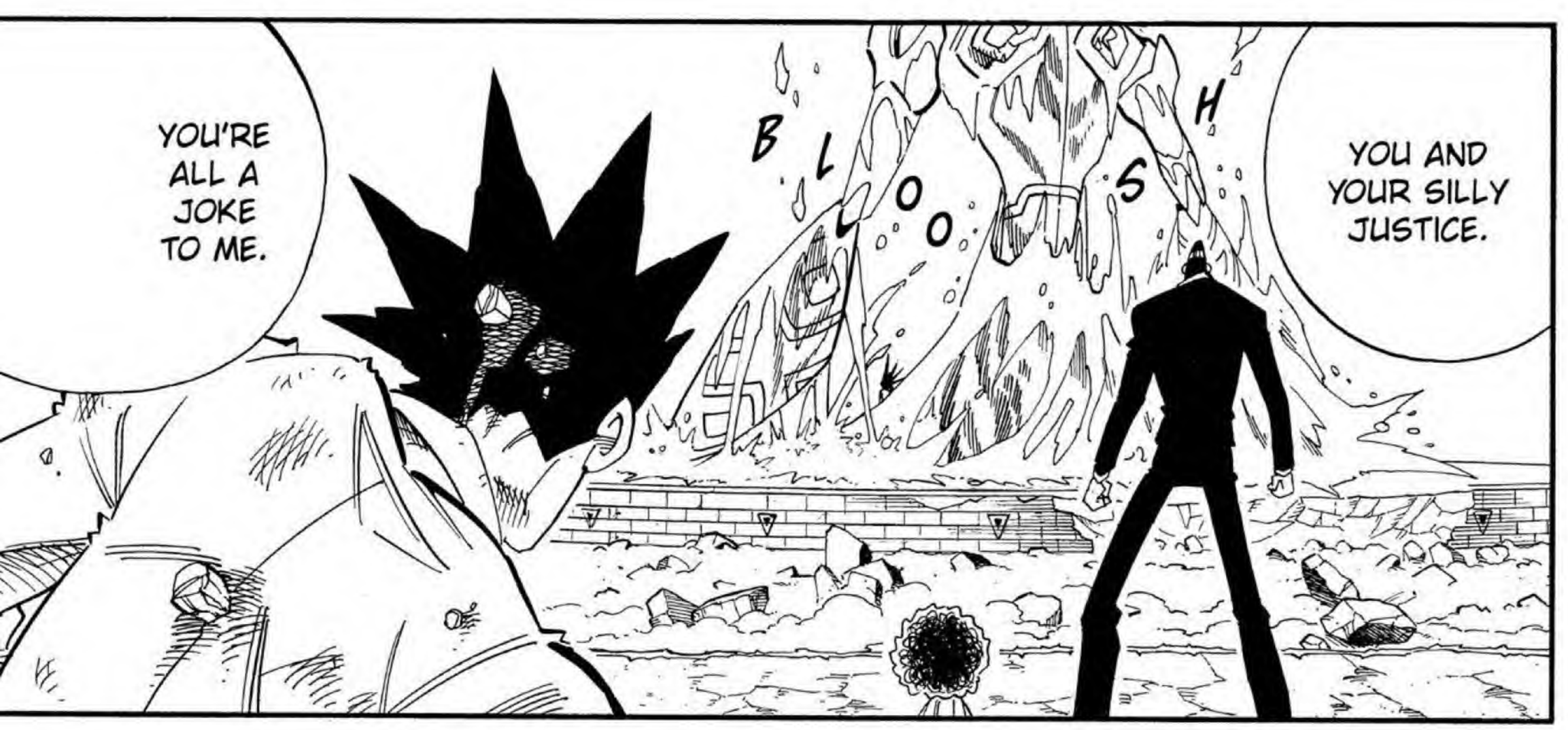
DWELLING ON THE NEGATIVE WON'T HELP.
THAT'S ENOUGH, POHE.

...WE JUST HAVE TO CRAFT A NEW PLAN OF ATTACK.
WE'VE SOLVED SOME OF HIS MYSTERIES...


IF HE IS AN ONMYOJI, THIS IS THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION.
LADY JEANNE ...

...WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.

X-III'S SACRIFICE FOR JUSTICE...

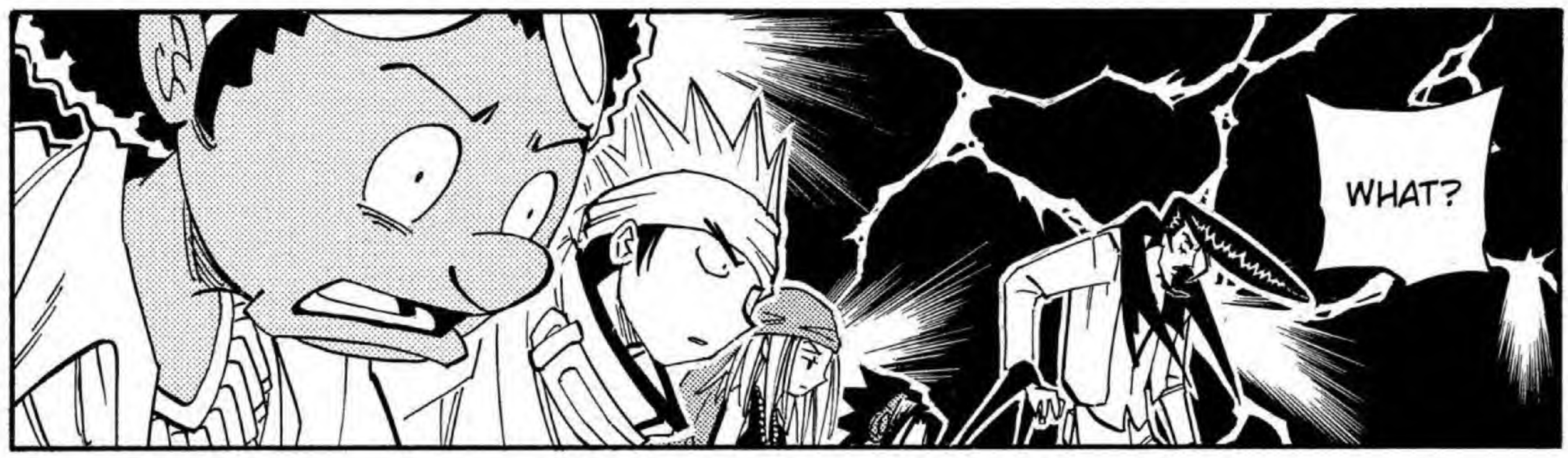


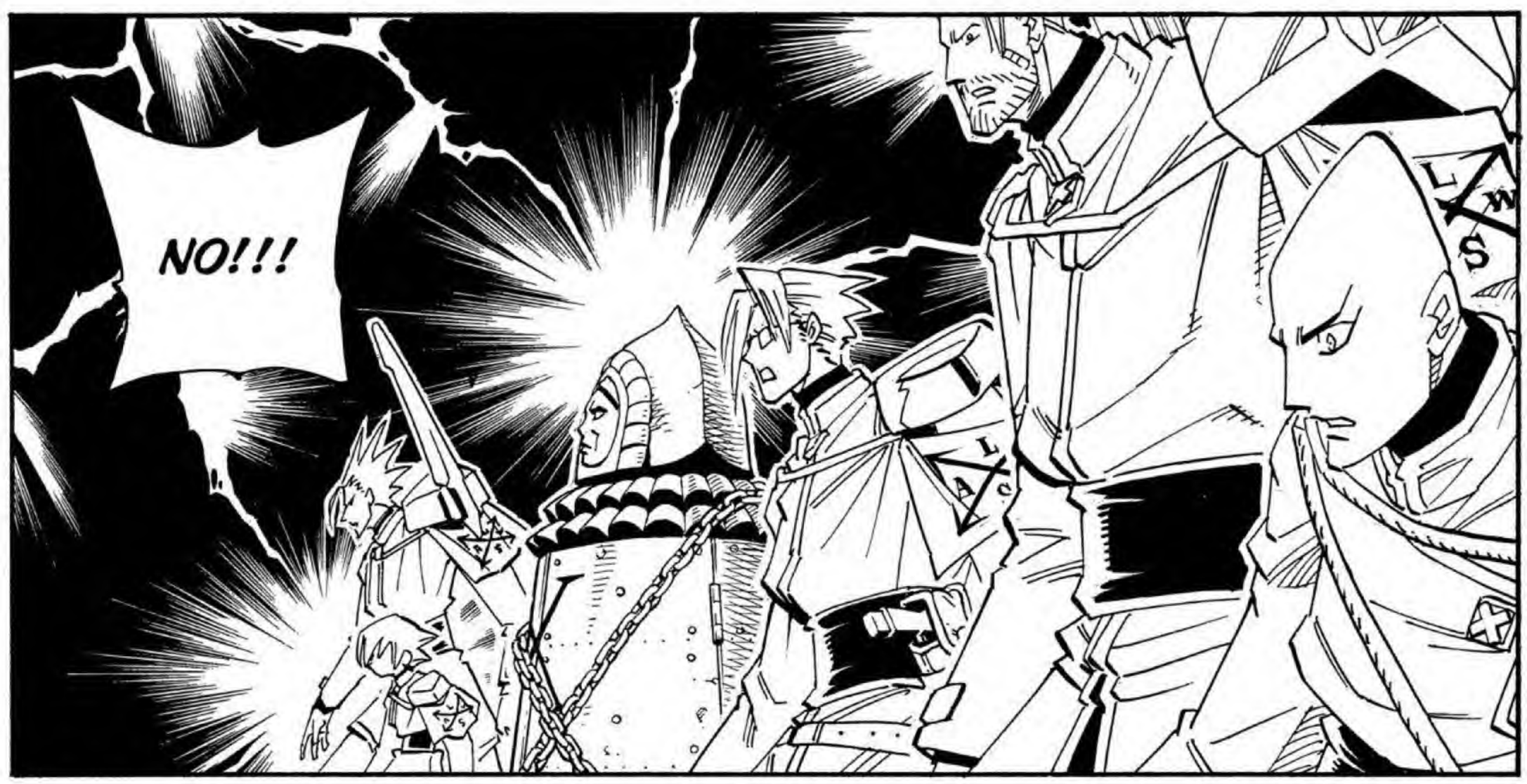
...CAN LIVE A LITTLE LONGER.
THE REST OF YOU...

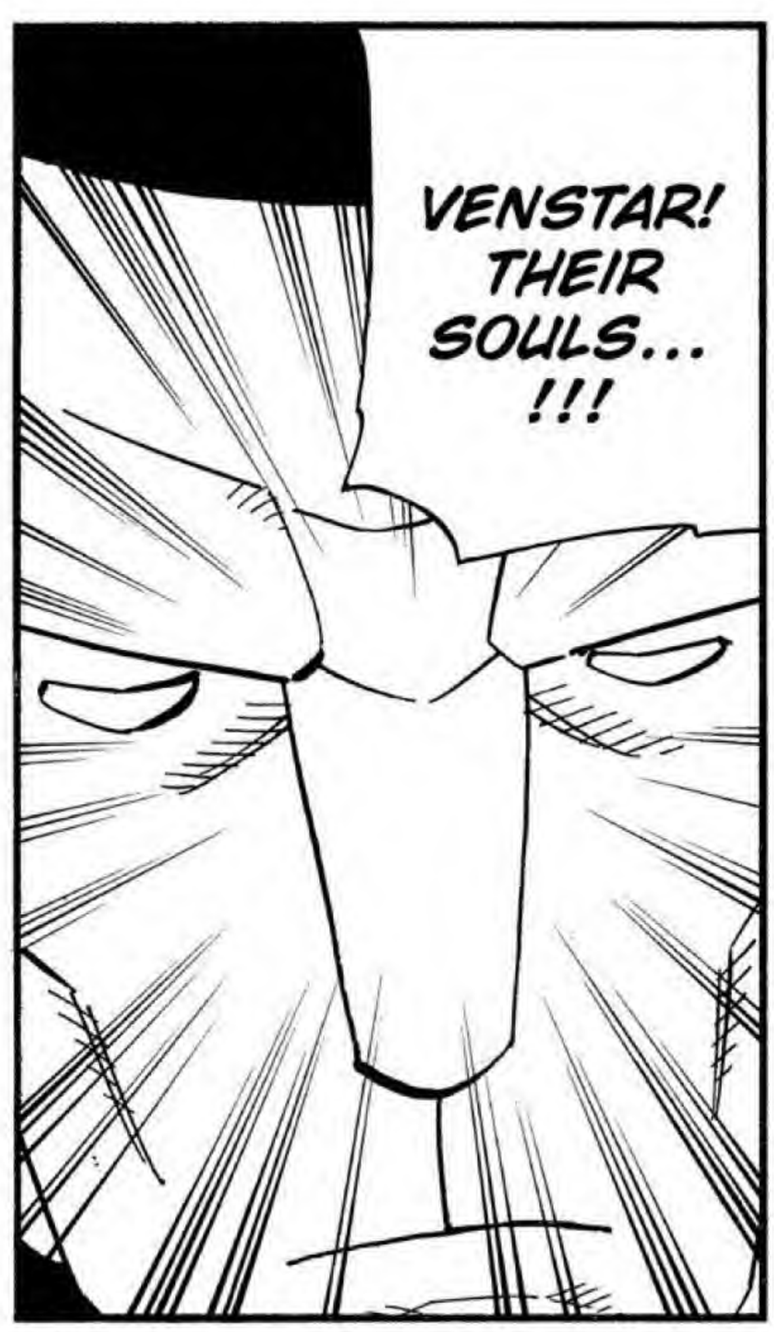
Shaman King

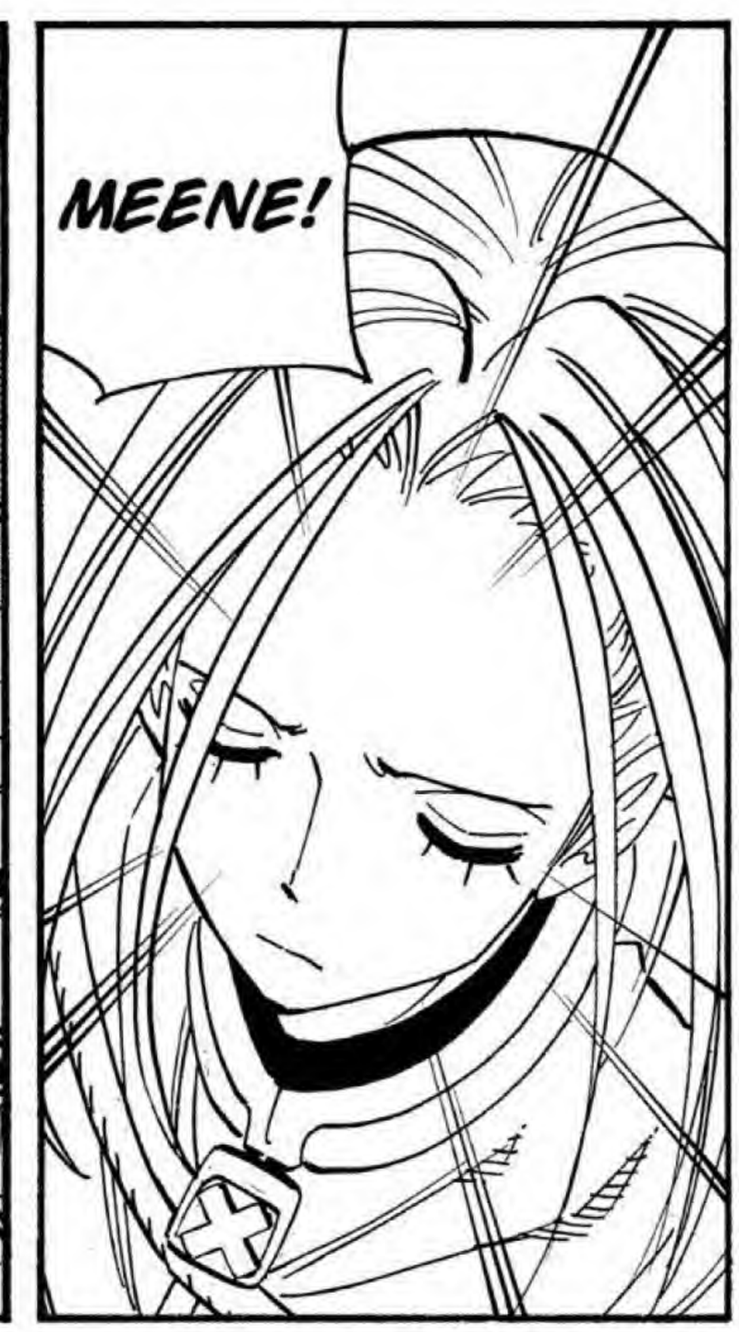
MODIFIED HAND GRENADE X

Reincarnation 141: He's My...









...ARE CREATED EQUAL.

NOT ALL SOULS...

FOOM

...BUT YOUR WILLINGNESS TO LAY DOWN YOUR LIVES SHOWS GREAT DETERMINATION.

YOUR ACTIONS SEEM FOOLISH TO ME...

X-III...

...SHALL NOT BE WASTED.

YOUR RADIANT SOULS...

THEY WILL BE MY SUSTENANCE, AND LIVE IN ME FOREVER.

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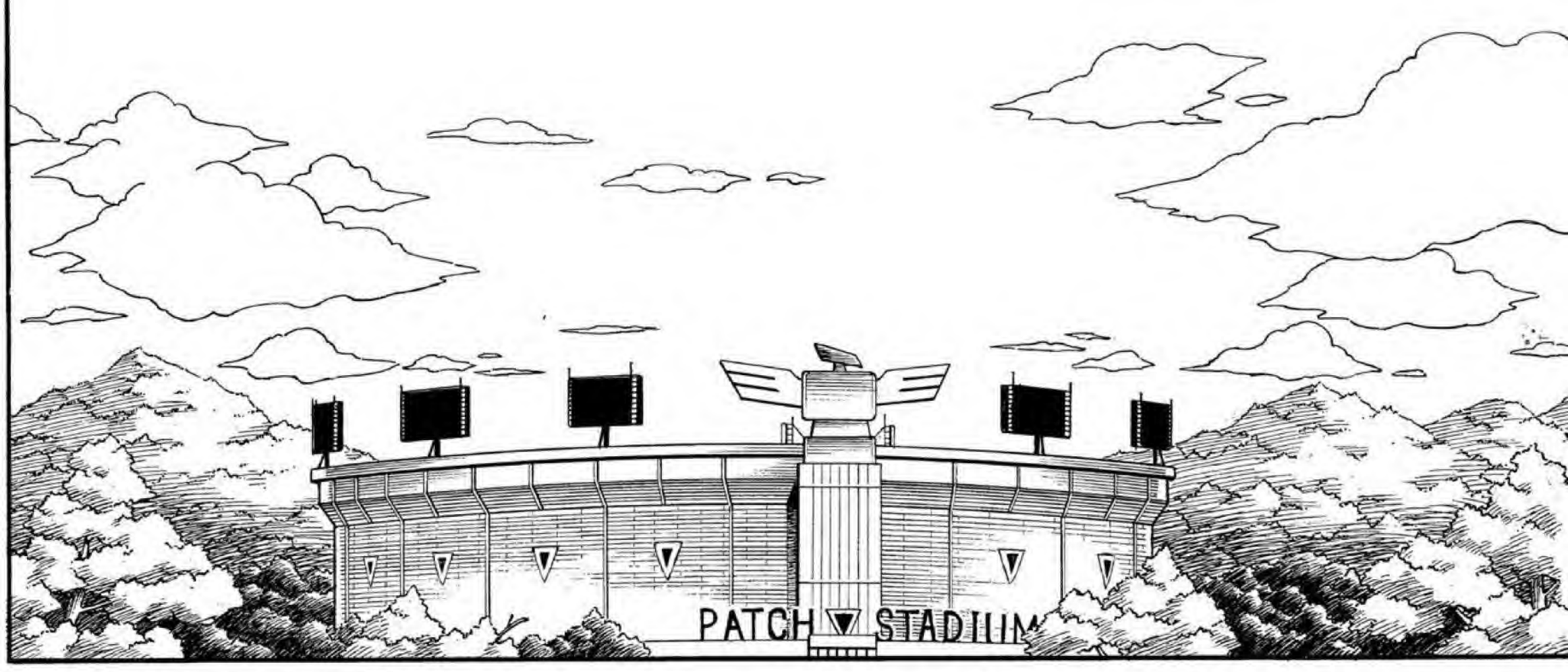
OOO

GREAT

Reincarnation 141:

He's My...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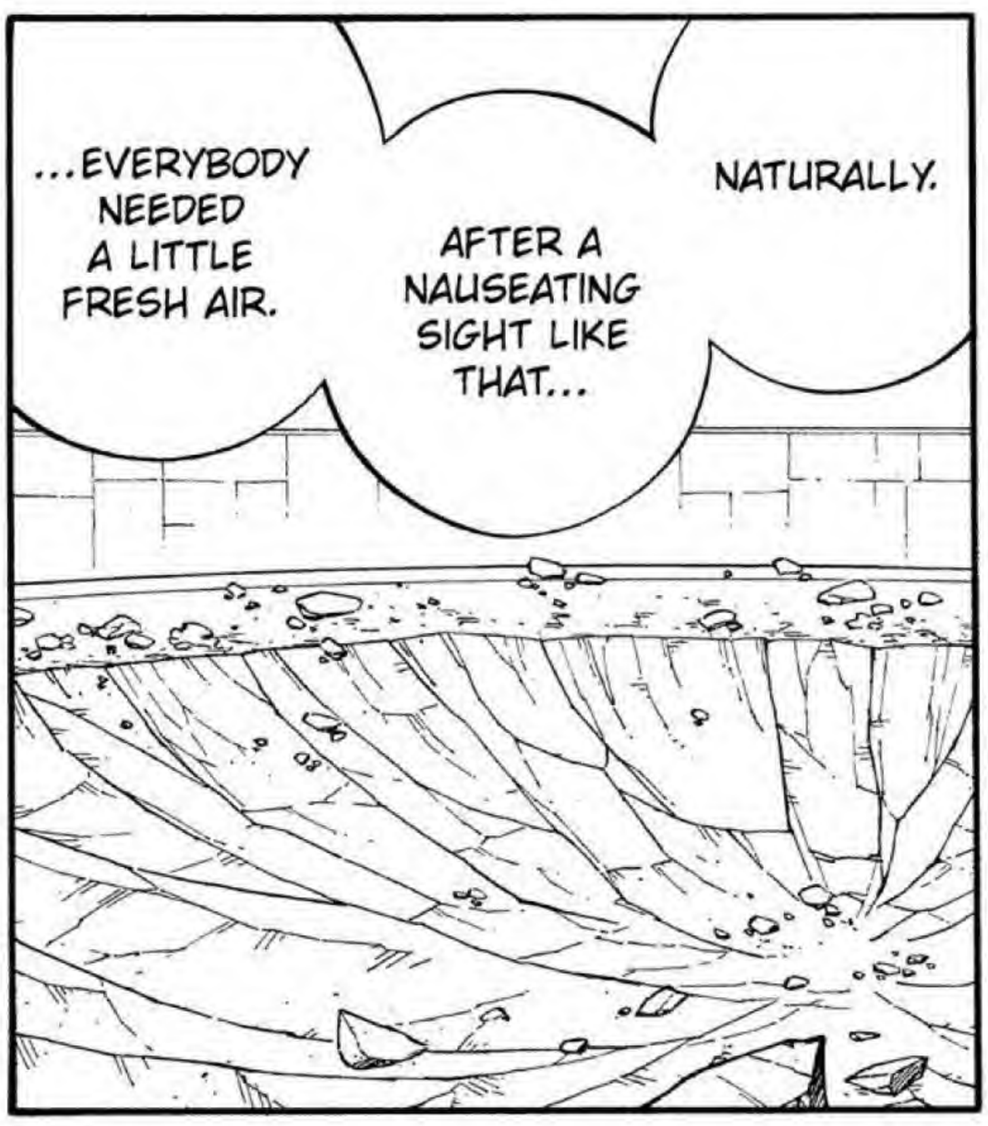
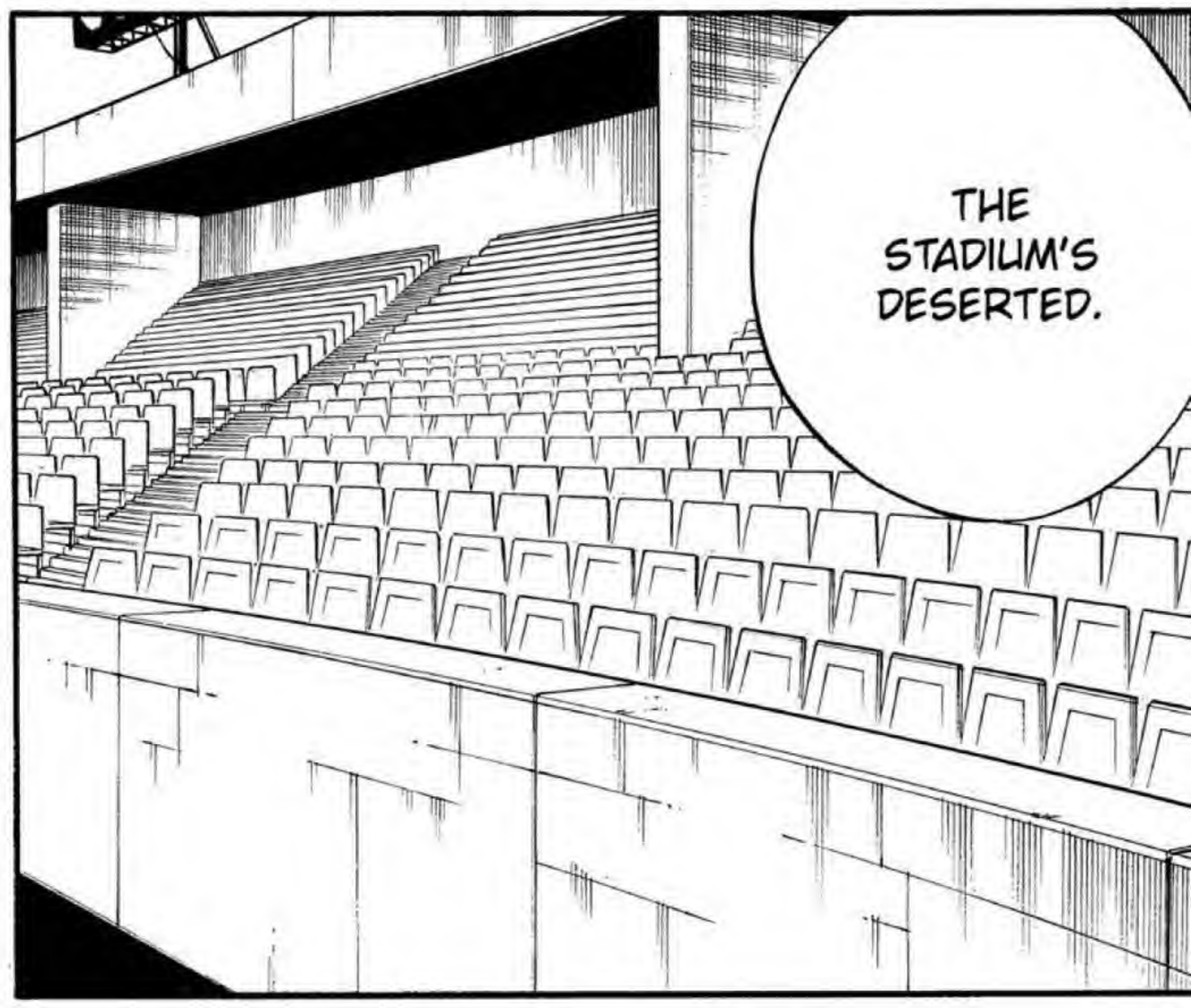

...EVERYBODY NEEDED A LITTLE FRESH AIR.
AFTER A NAUSEATING SIGHT LIKE THAT...
NATURALLY.


THE STADIUM'S DESERTED.

THE SHAMAN FIGHT WILL BE POSTPONED WHILE THE RING IS BEING REPAIRED.
SPIRIT OF FIRE...

...THAT GROWS BY CONSUMING SOULS.
AN OVER SOUL...

...THAT HAO MANAGED TO STEAL ONE OF OUR FIVE GREAT NATURE SPIRITS.

IT'S HARD TO ACCEPT...

NOW EACH IS THE ESSENCE OF ONE ELEMENT.

...WERE ONCE PART OF THE GREAT SPIRIT.

THE FIVE GREAT NATURE SPIRITS...

BEING AN AGGREGATE OF SOULS LIKE THE GREAT SPIRIT, ITS POWER GROWS WITH EACH SOUL THAT IT ABSORBS.

SPIRIT OF FIRE, THE SUPREME ESSENCE OF FIRE, WAS BORN OF THE GREAT SPIRIT.

HE'LL GROW MORE POWERFUL AS THE FIGHT GOES ON.

THEN HAO IS UNSTOP-PABLE.

THAT'S A FEARSOME ABILITY THAT WESTERN SCIENCE NEVER DISCOVERED.

AND HAO'S MAGIC ALLOWS IT TO TRANSMUTATE.

THAT IS ALL WE NEED TO CONCERN OURSELVES WITH.

OUR DUTY IS TO OFFICIATE THE SHAMAN FIGHT.

HUSH, KALIM.

DO YOU HAVE IT, RADIM?

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.

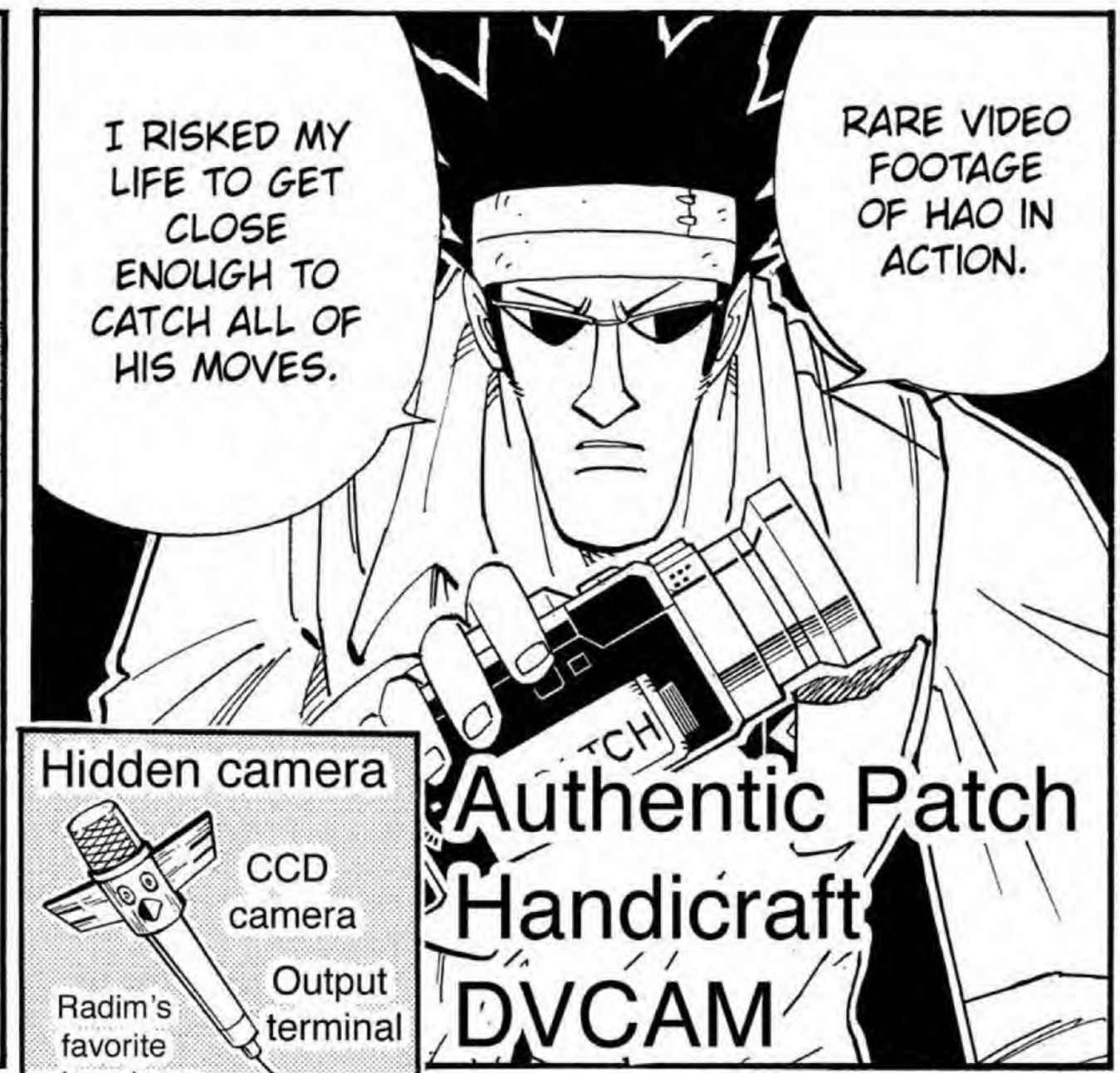
THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS.

TMP

IT'S RIGHT HERE, SILVA.

YEAH.

I OWE YOU ONE, RADIM.
NO YOU DON'T.
TMP
WIP


I RISKED MY LIFE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO CATCH ALL OF HIS MOVES.
RARE VIDEO FOOTAGE OF HAO IN ACTION.
Hidden camera
CCD camera
Output terminal
Radim's favorite microphone
Authentic Patch Handicraft DVCAM

WHY NOT?

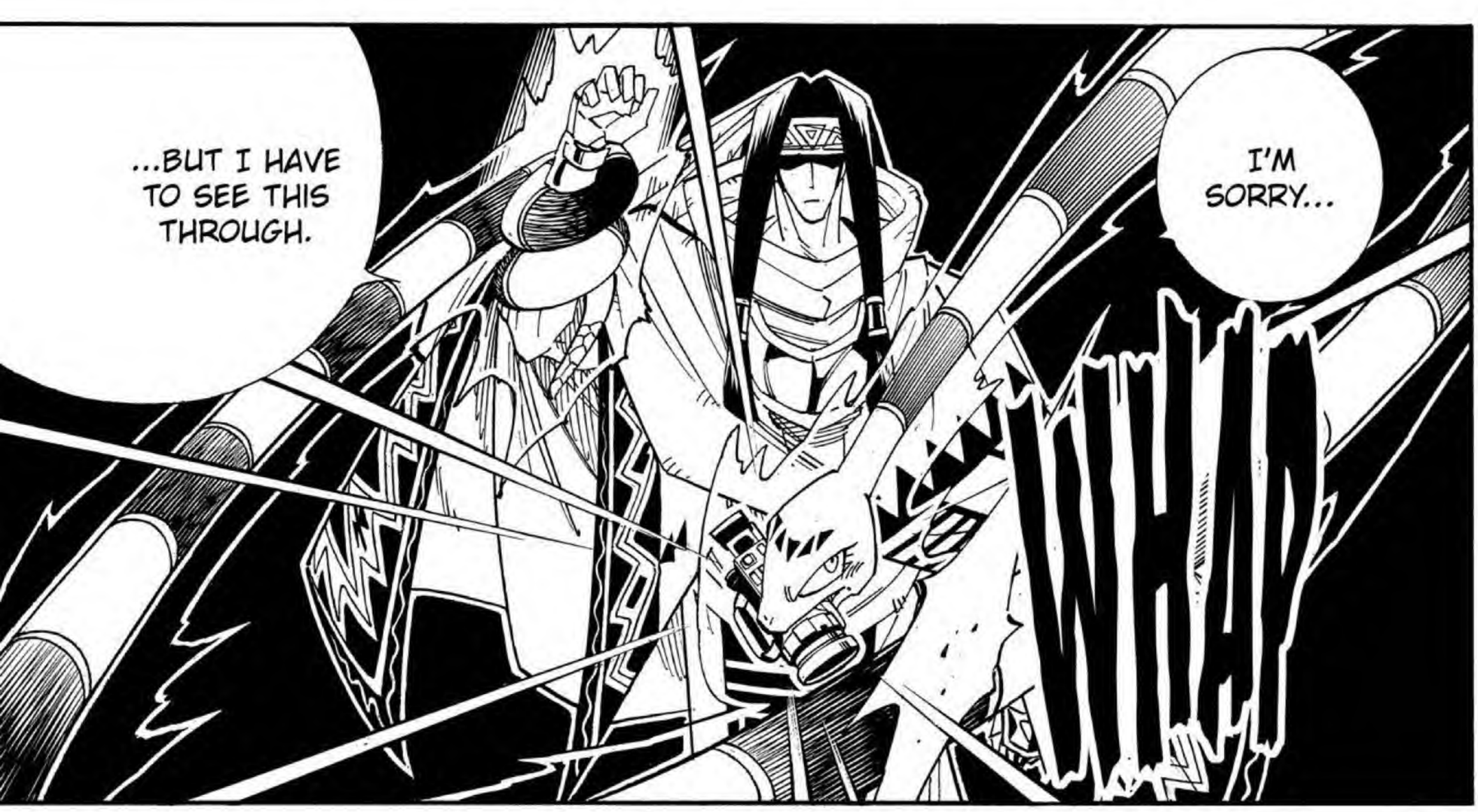
I CHANGED MY MIND. I CAN'T LET YOU HAVE THIS.

...BUT AS YOUR FRIEND. I HAVE TO STOP YOU.
I'VE SEEN HIM IN ACTION– UP CLOSE.

...WHY YOU WANT IT.
BECAUSE I KNOW...
I'M NOT SAYING THIS AS A PATCH...

STEER CLEAR OF THIS BUSINESS.

HE'S TOO DANGEROUS.



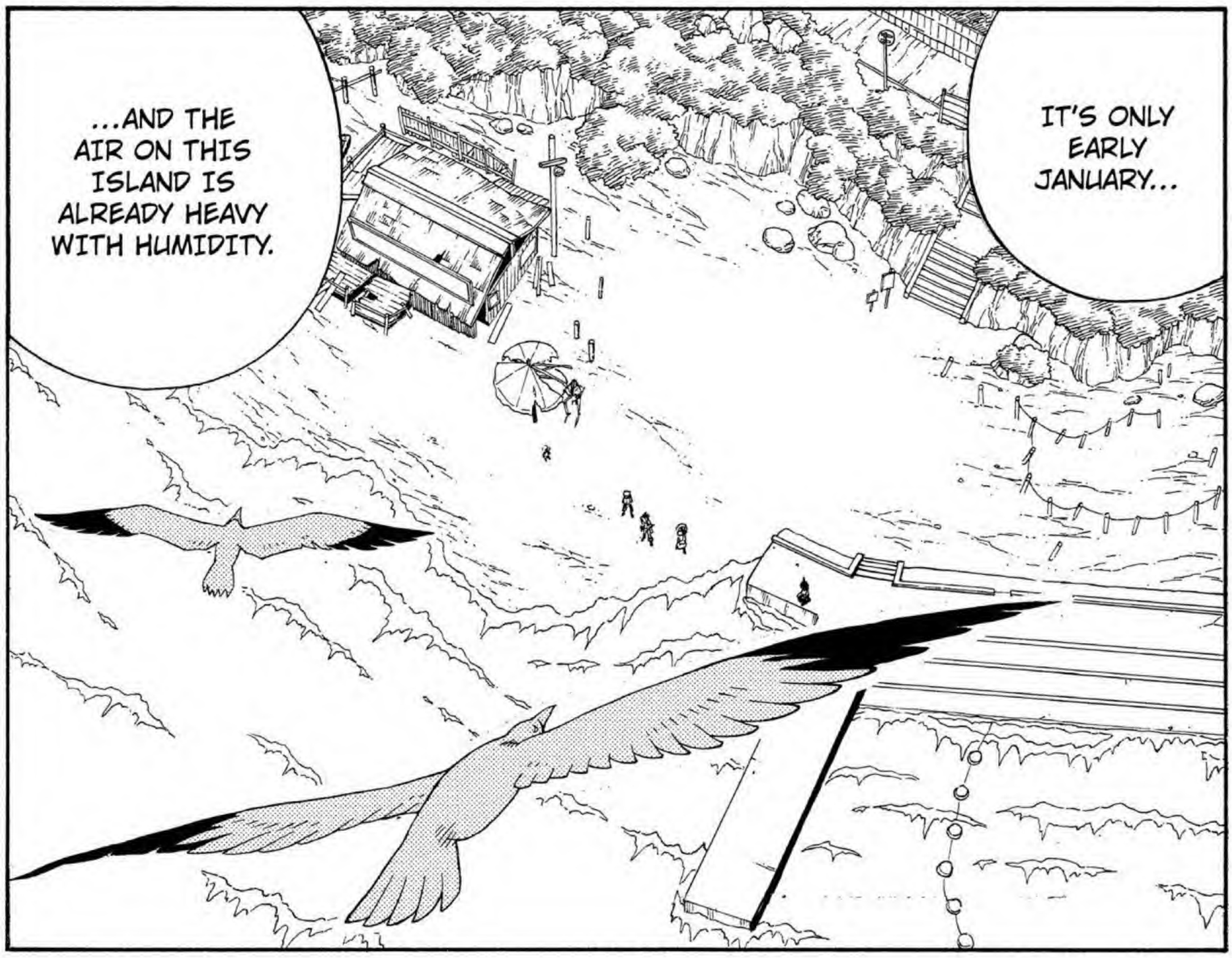
...MY SOUL IS HONOR-BOUND TO STOP HIM.
AS HIS DIRECT DESCENDANT...
ZAP

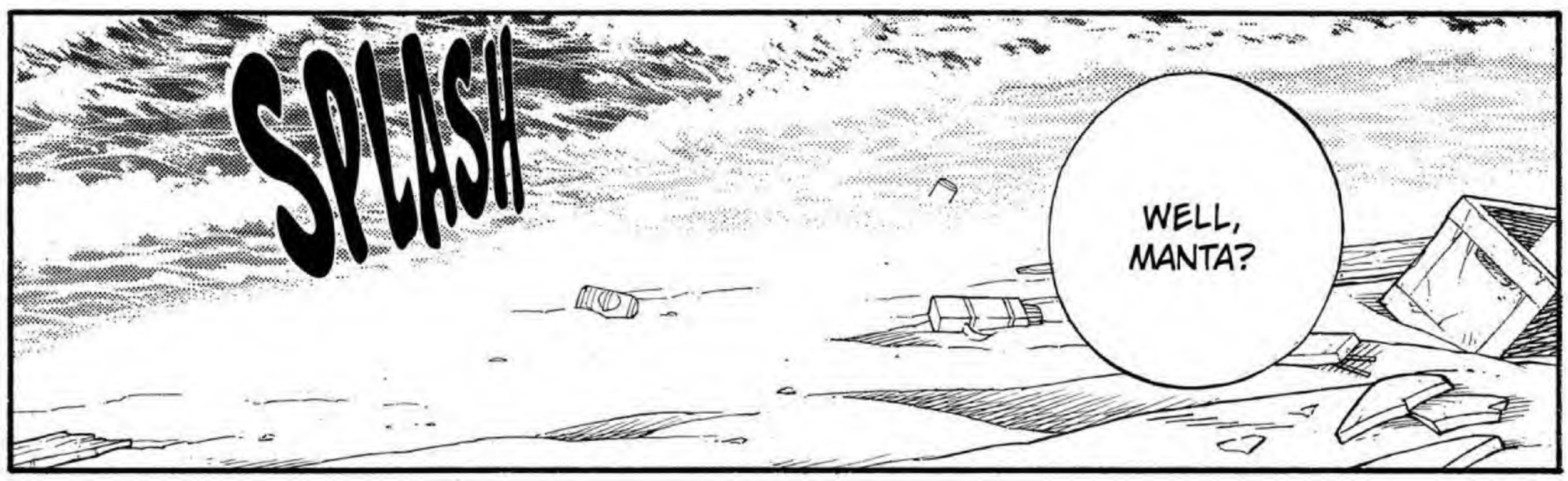
DID YOU SEE THAT...

...NICKROME?

I DID, MAGNA.

SIGN: GRUB RAMEN CURRY RICE





YOH'S THE ONE I'M WORRIED ABOUT.

BUT I'M NOT IMPORTANT.

...HOW STRONG HE IS, HE'S STILL HUMAN.

NO MATTER ...

MANTA...

FEEL ANY BETTER?

A LITTLE...

WHY DIDN'T I SEE THAT HE WAS SUFFERING?!

I SHOULD'VE NOTICED!

FISHING?!!

HMPH... THE FISH JUST AREN'T BITING TODAY.

HUH?
HOW CAN YOU GO FISHING AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!

FEELING BETTER?
HEY, MANTA!

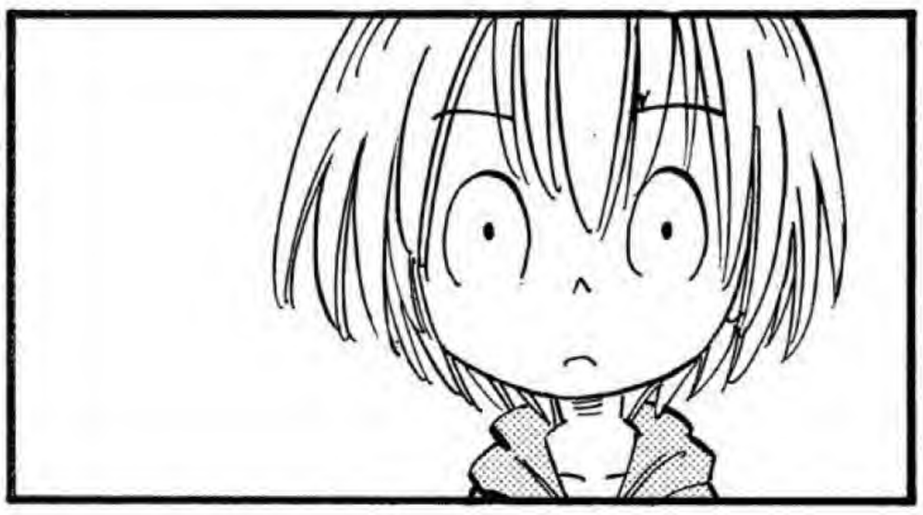
HE RECOVERS FASTER THAN ANY OF US.
YOU GOTTA HAND IT TO HIM.
FISHING DOES CALM THE NERVES.

YOU RECOVER TOO FAST. JERK.
AW, C'MON. STRESSING OUT NEVER HELPS.

HUH?

HEH HEH...

I HAVE YOU GUYS TO THANK FOR THAT.



...LIFE REALLY IS A ROLLER-COASTER.

I GUESS...

ANYWAY, IT'S A REAL RELIEF...

...TO GET THOSE PENT-UP FEELINGS OFF MY CHEST.

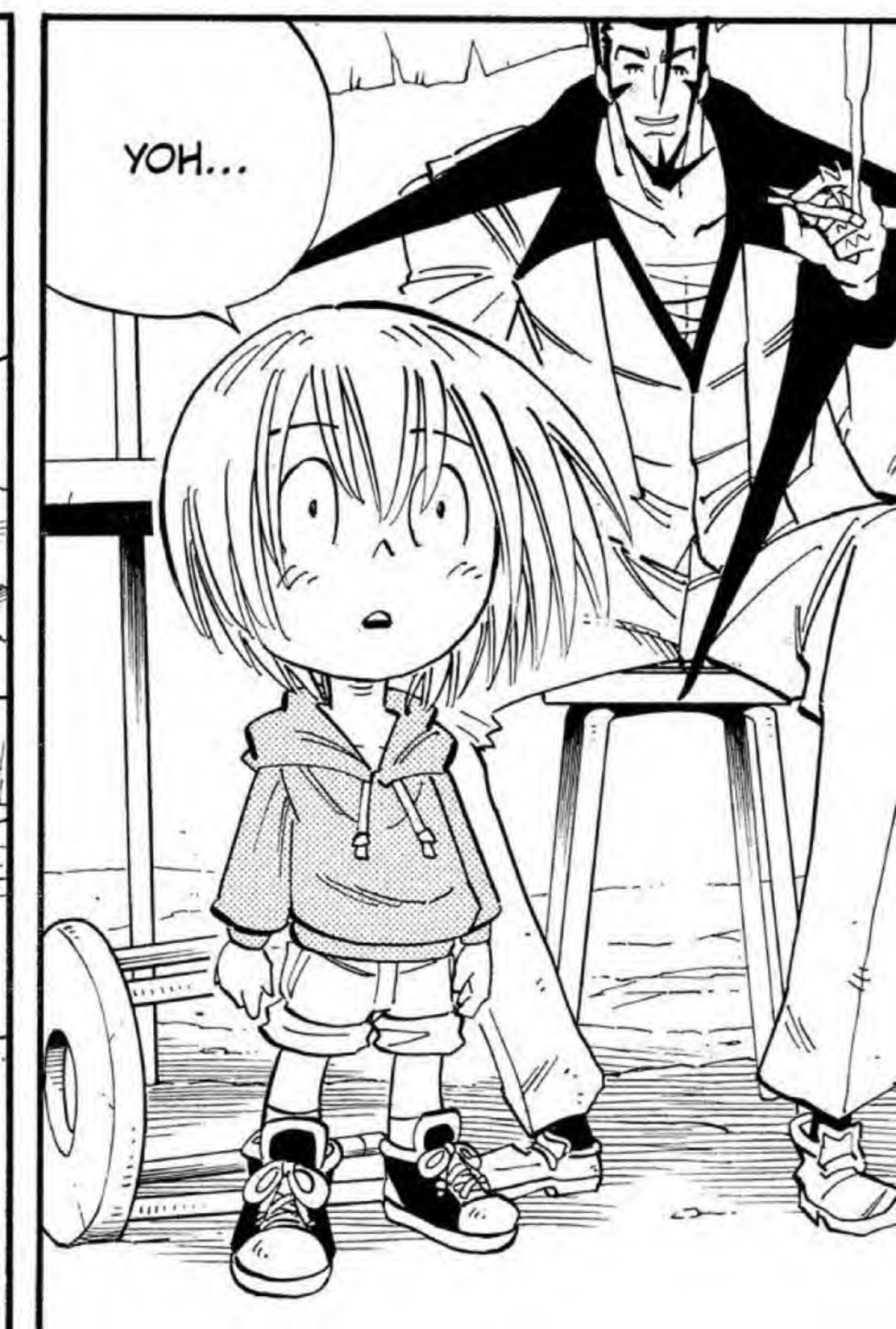
YOU KNOW YOU GET STRONGER WHENEVER YOU MAKE IT THROUGH A CRISIS, BUT IT SURE IS HARD TO REMEMBER SOME-TIMES.

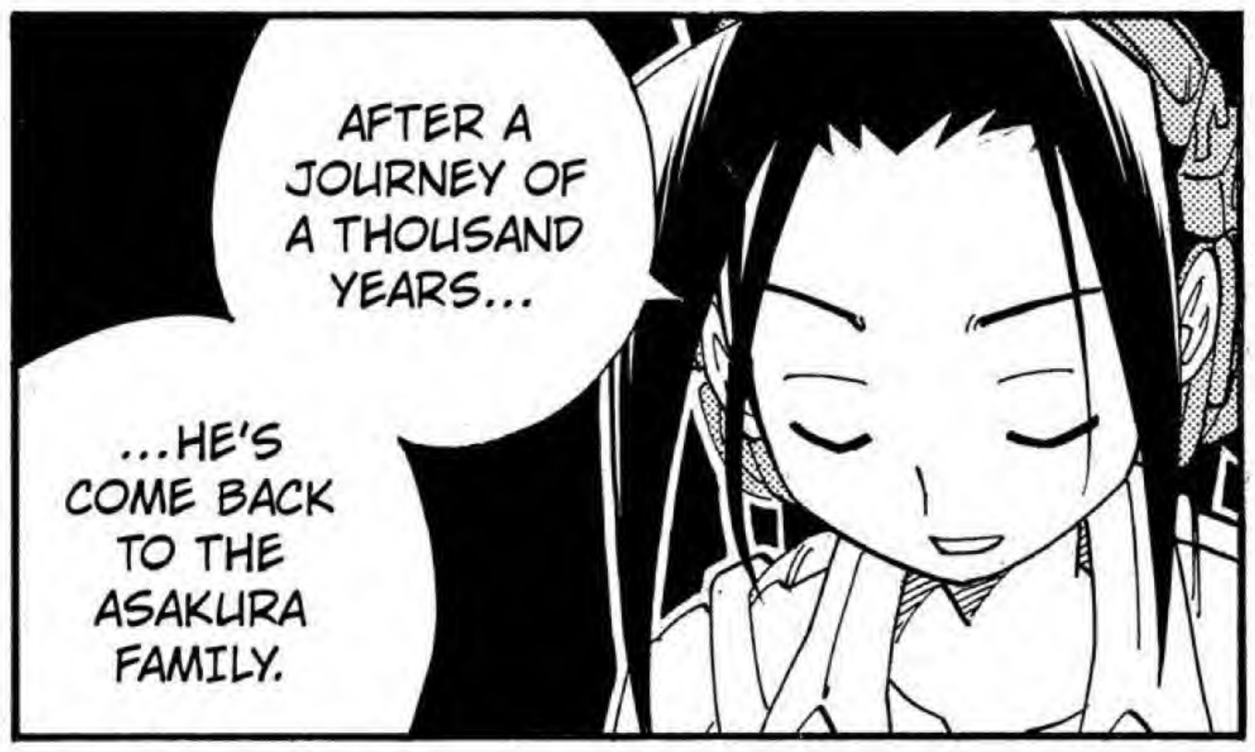
ONE MINUTE YOU'RE HAPPY, THEN YOU'RE SAD...

YOU LOSE CONFIDENCE, YOU GAIN IT...

...WHEN WE NEED OUR FRIENDS THE MOST.

I GUESS IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE...




AFTER A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND YEARS...
...HE'S COME BACK TO THE ASAKURA FAMILY.

BY HIM, YOU MEAN...?

...TWIN BROTHER.
HE'S MY...

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HAO

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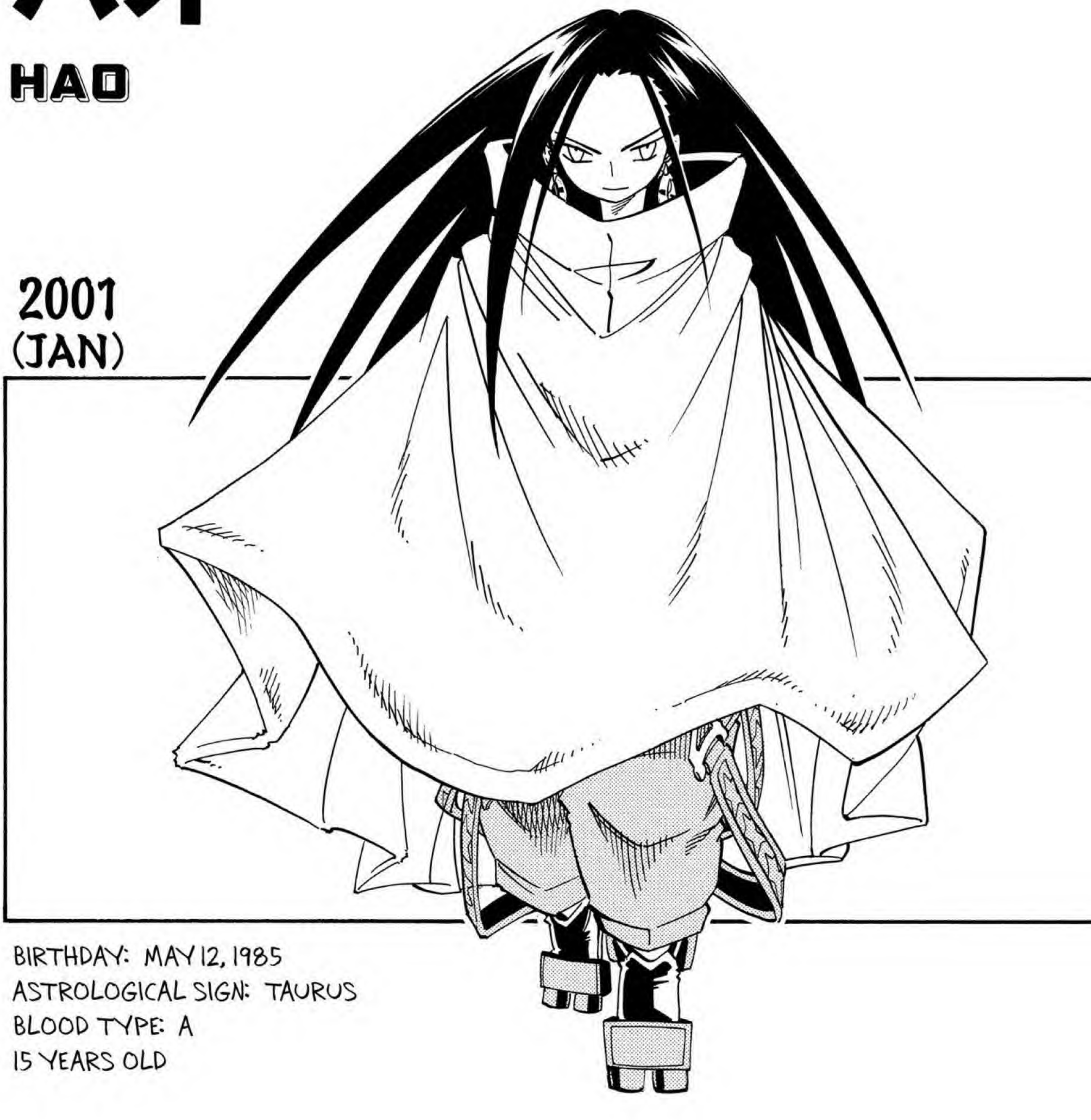
(JAN)



BIRTHDAY: MAY 12, 1985
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BLOOD TYPE: A
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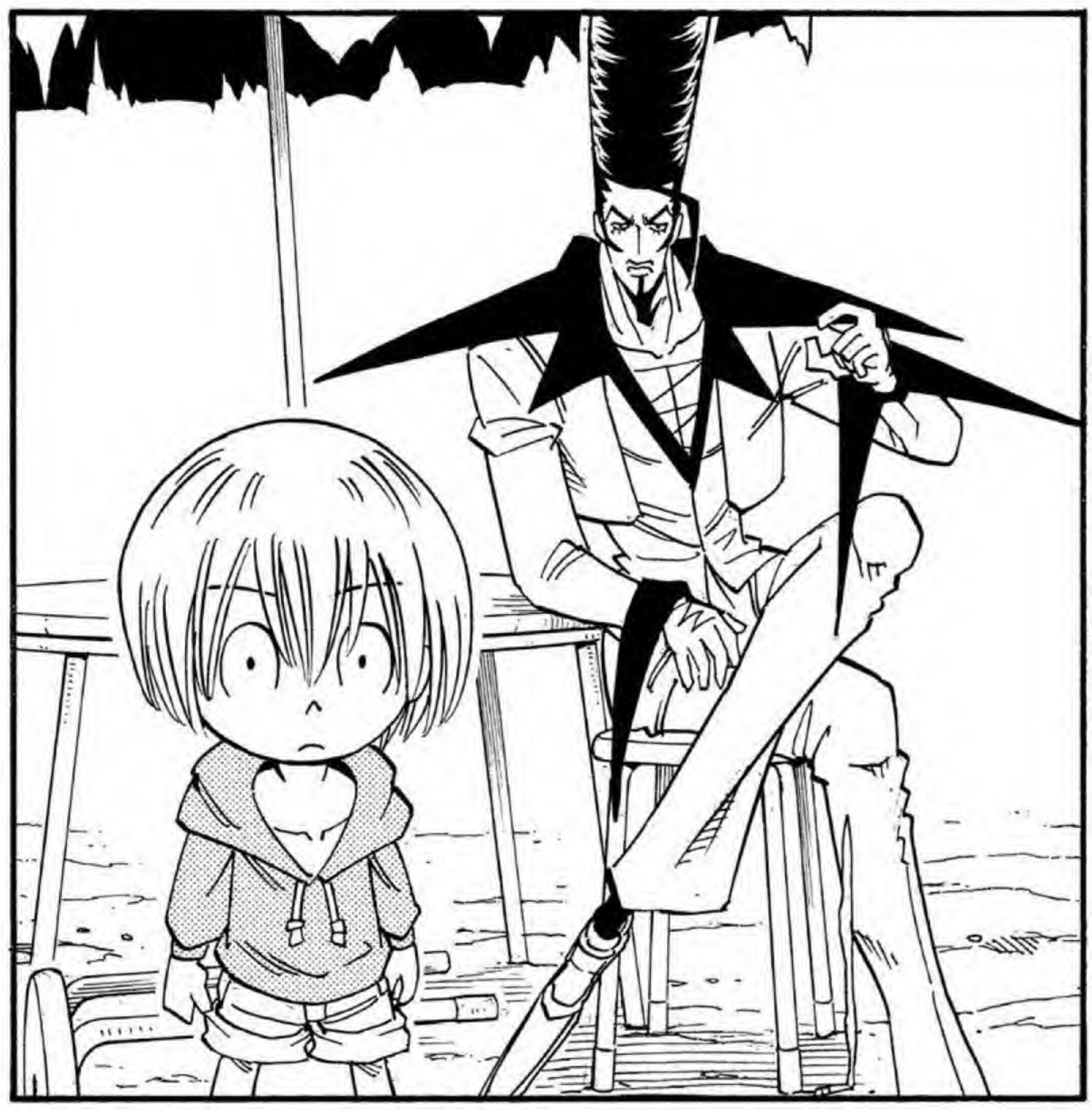

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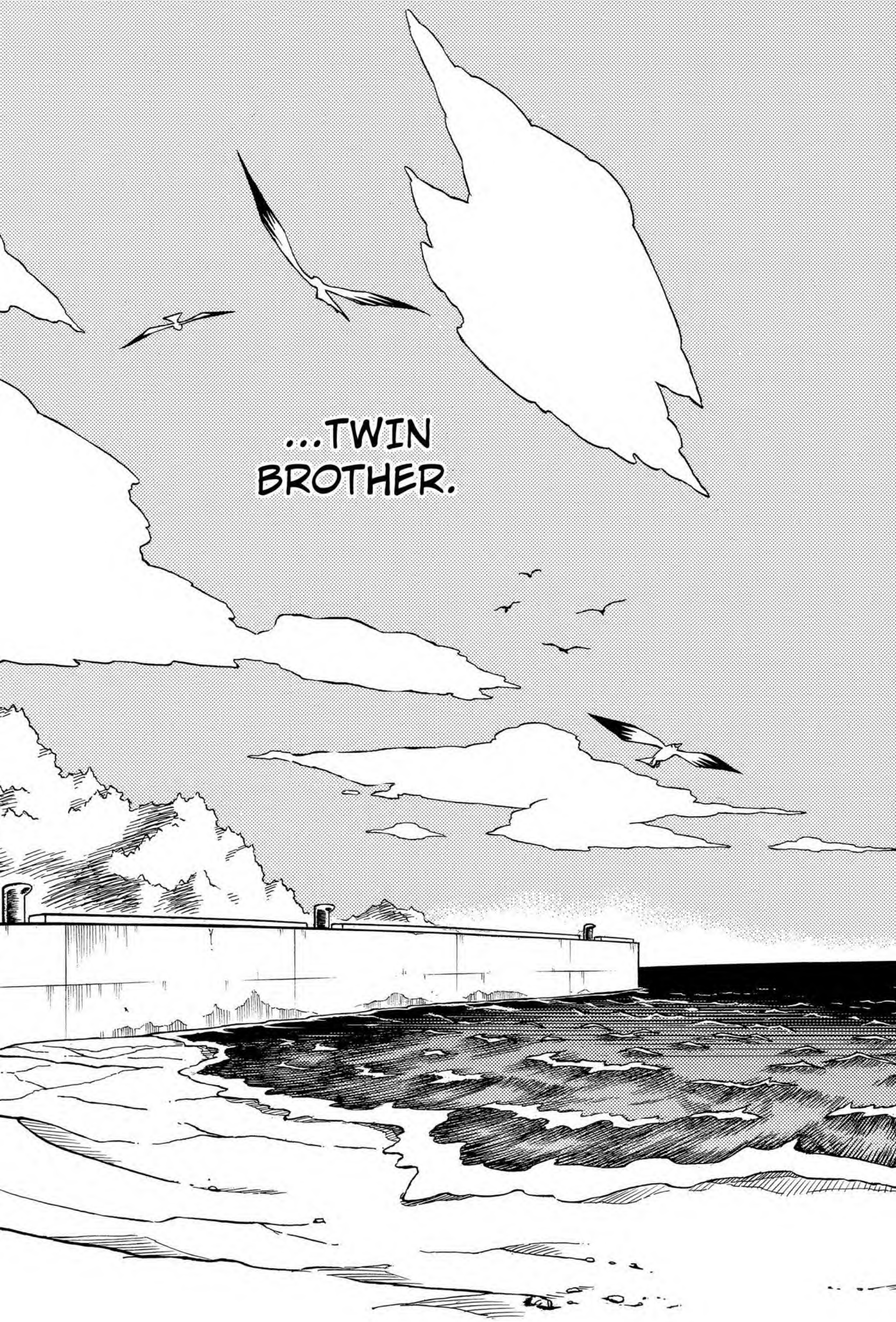
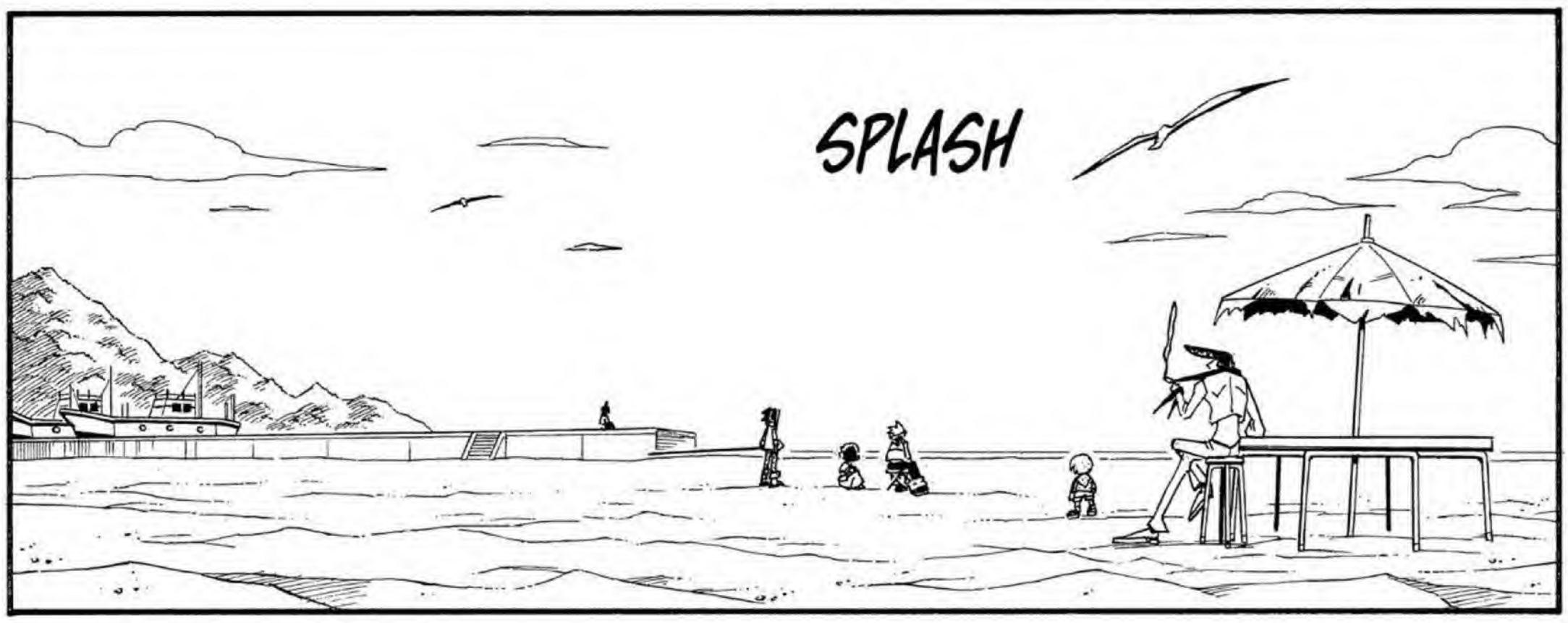
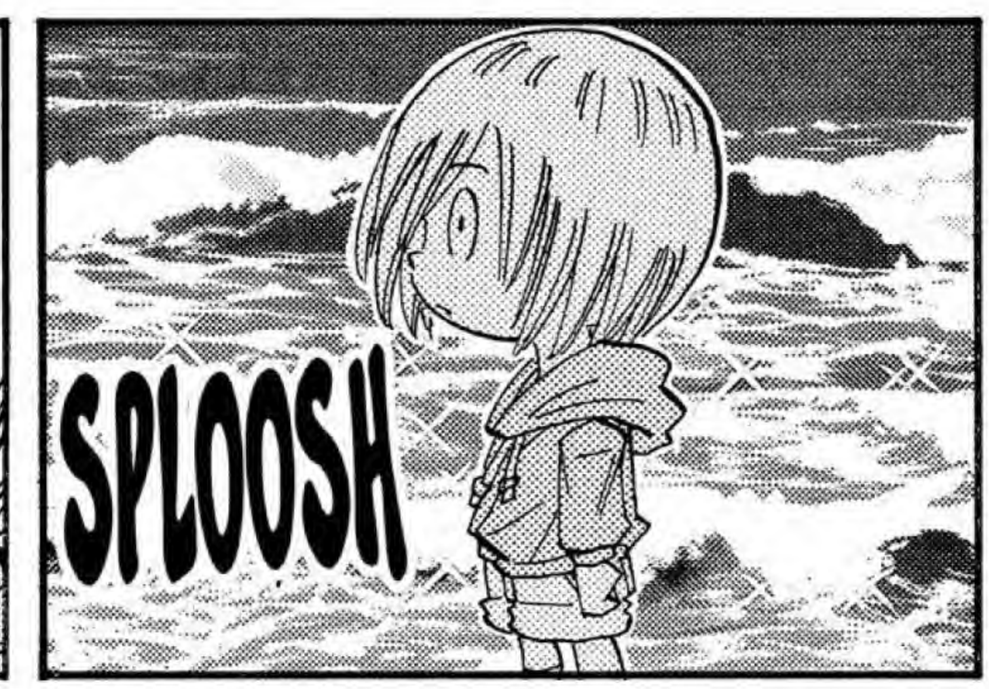
MY...


...TWIN BROTHER.


SPLASH

YOH?


SPLOOSH

I'M NOT SAYING THIS TO SCARE YOU.
IT'S OKAY, MANTA.

WHU

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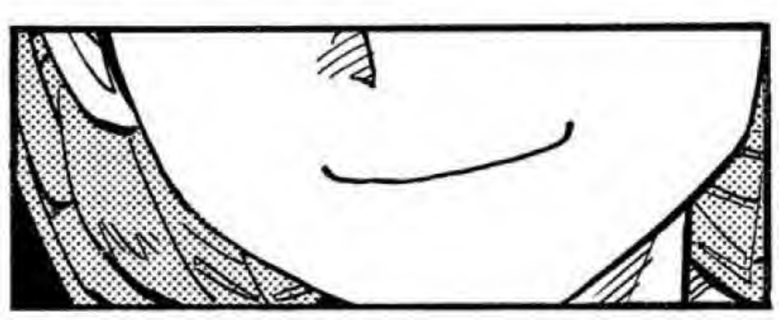
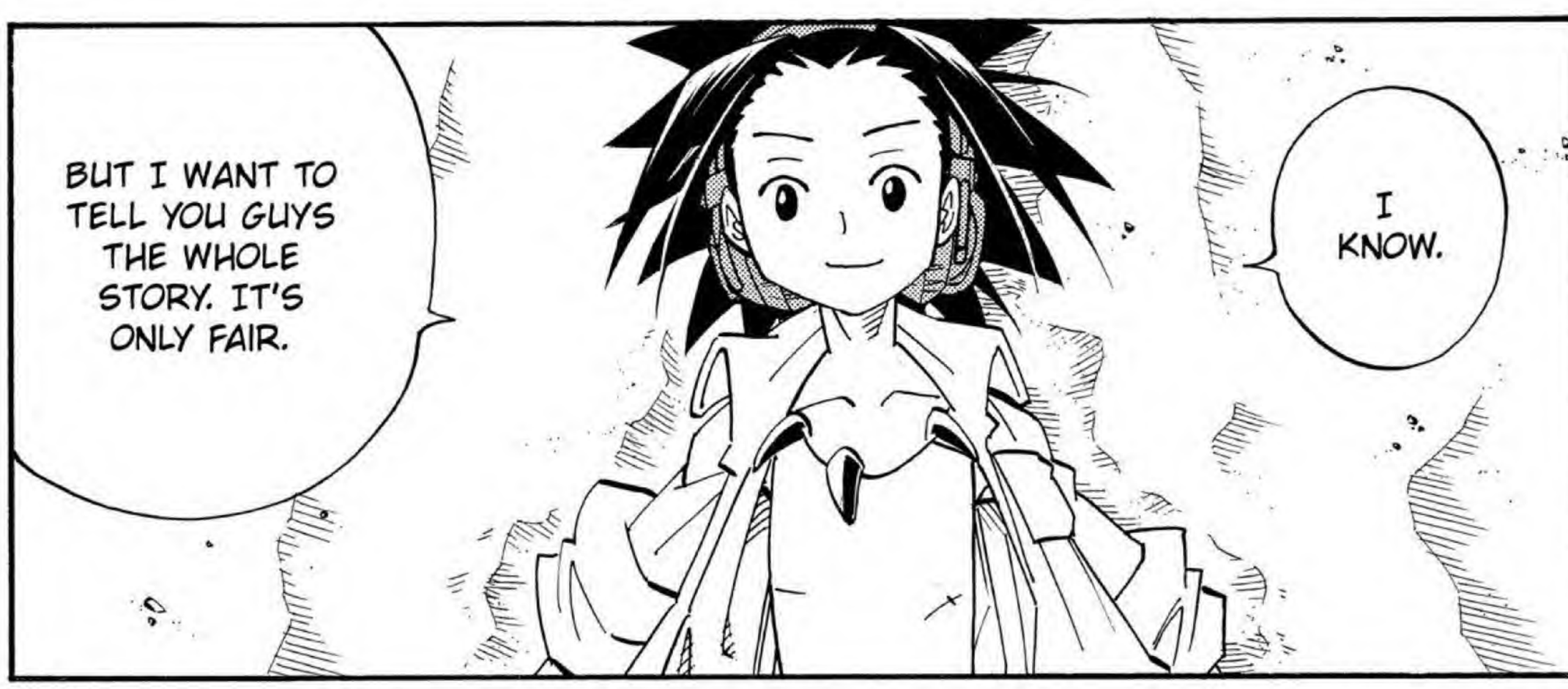
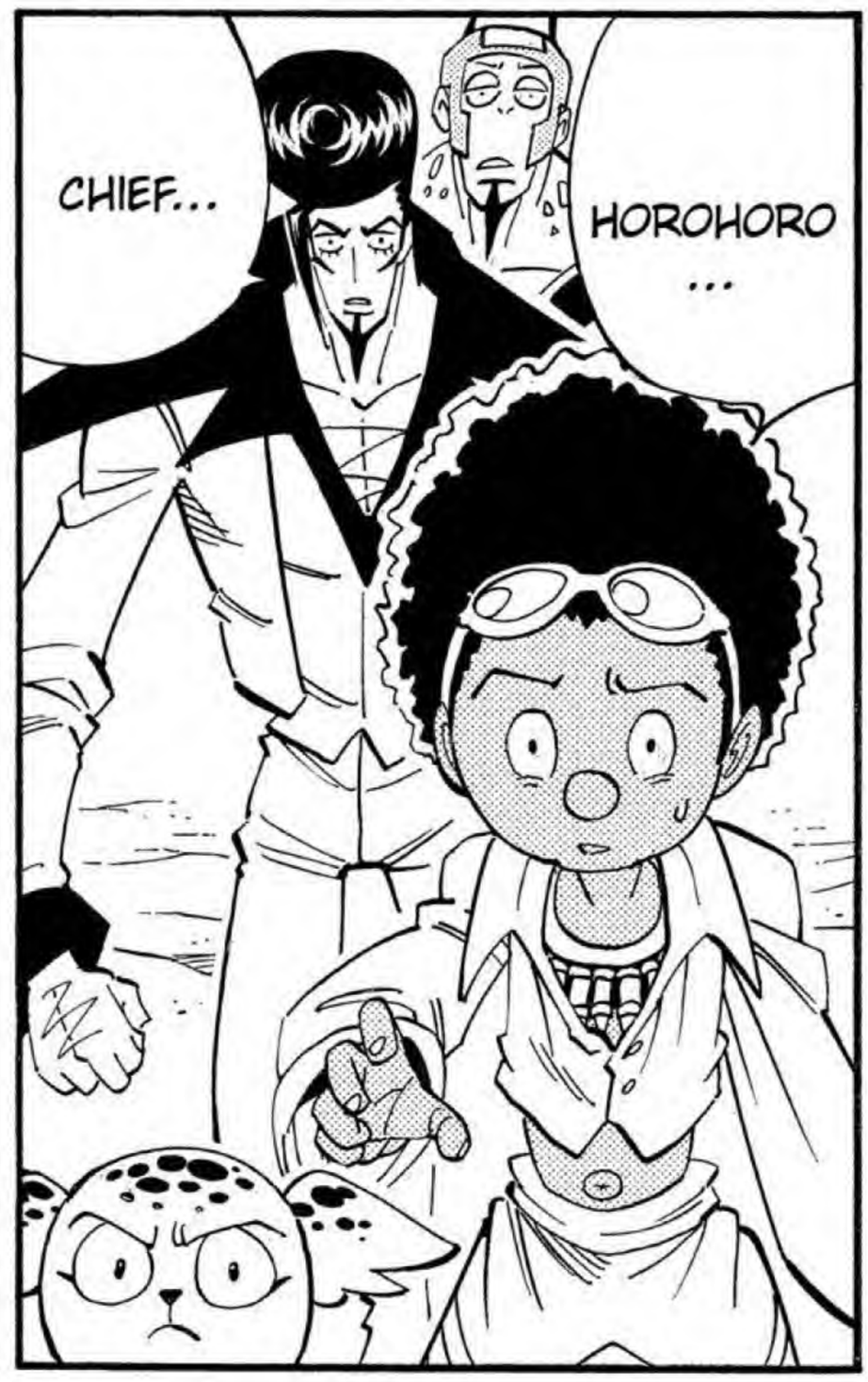


BUT IT'S KINDA HARD NOT TO BE A LITTLE SCARED.
YOU'RE FINALLY OPENING UP TO US.

IT'S NICE, YOH.


BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU GUYS THE WHOLE STORY. IT'S ONLY FAIR.
I KNOW.

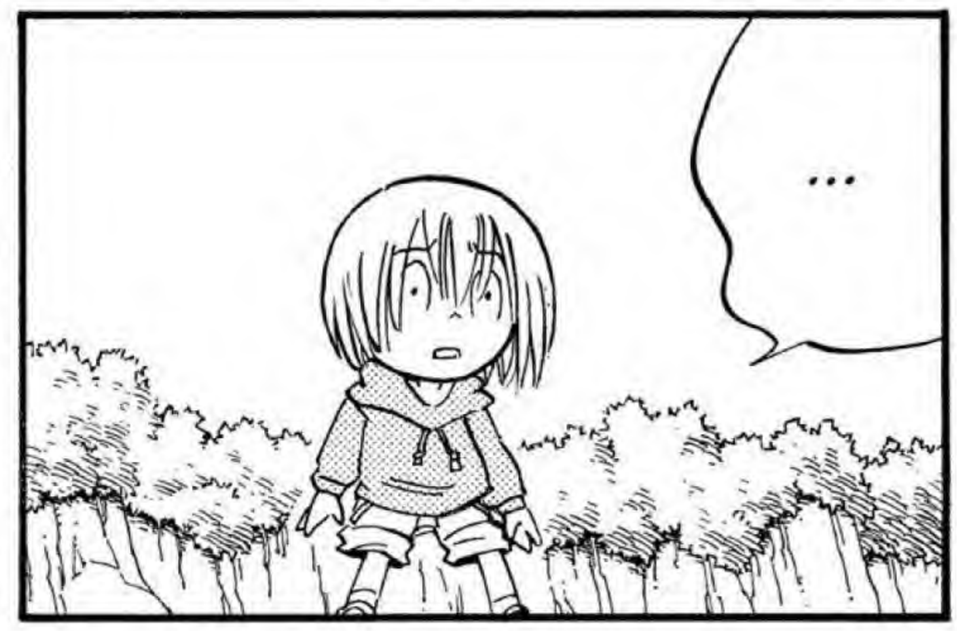
HAO'S FACE, HIS MANNER...
HMPH...


CHIEF...
HOROHORO ...

THERE HAD TO BE A CONNECTION.

...YOH?
THEN YOU'RE SERIOUS...

YUP.
DEAD SERIOUS.



...GREAT ONMYOJI--HAO ASAKURA?

YOH...

...IS HAO'S BROTHER ?!

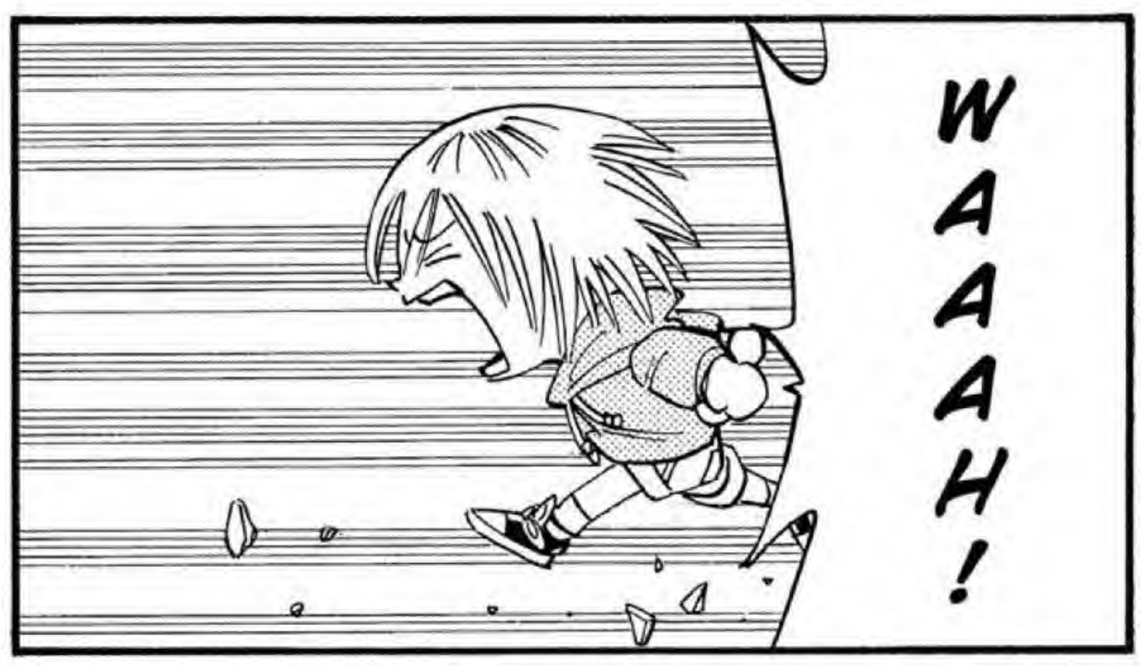
...GET TO LIVE A LITTLE LONGER.

NOW...

I WANT YOU...

PEYOTE NEVER STOOD A CHANCE.

NO ...



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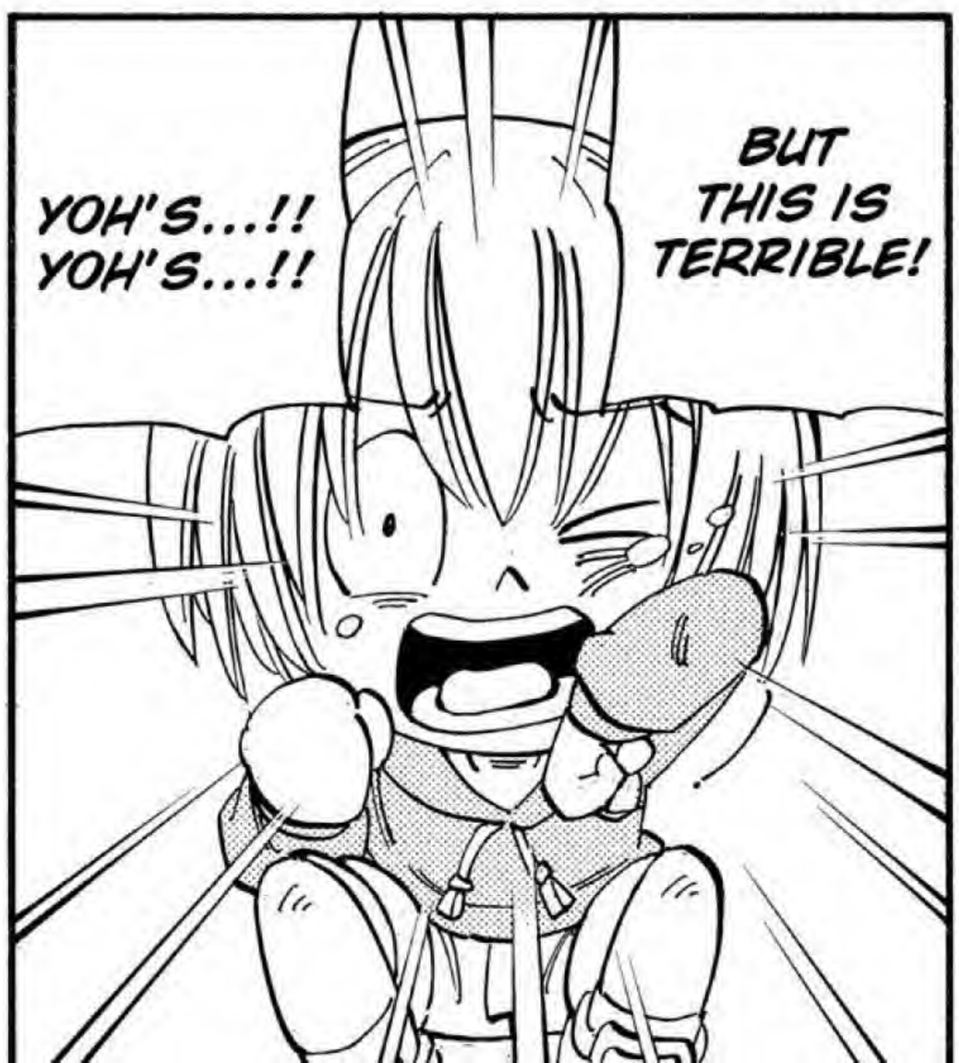
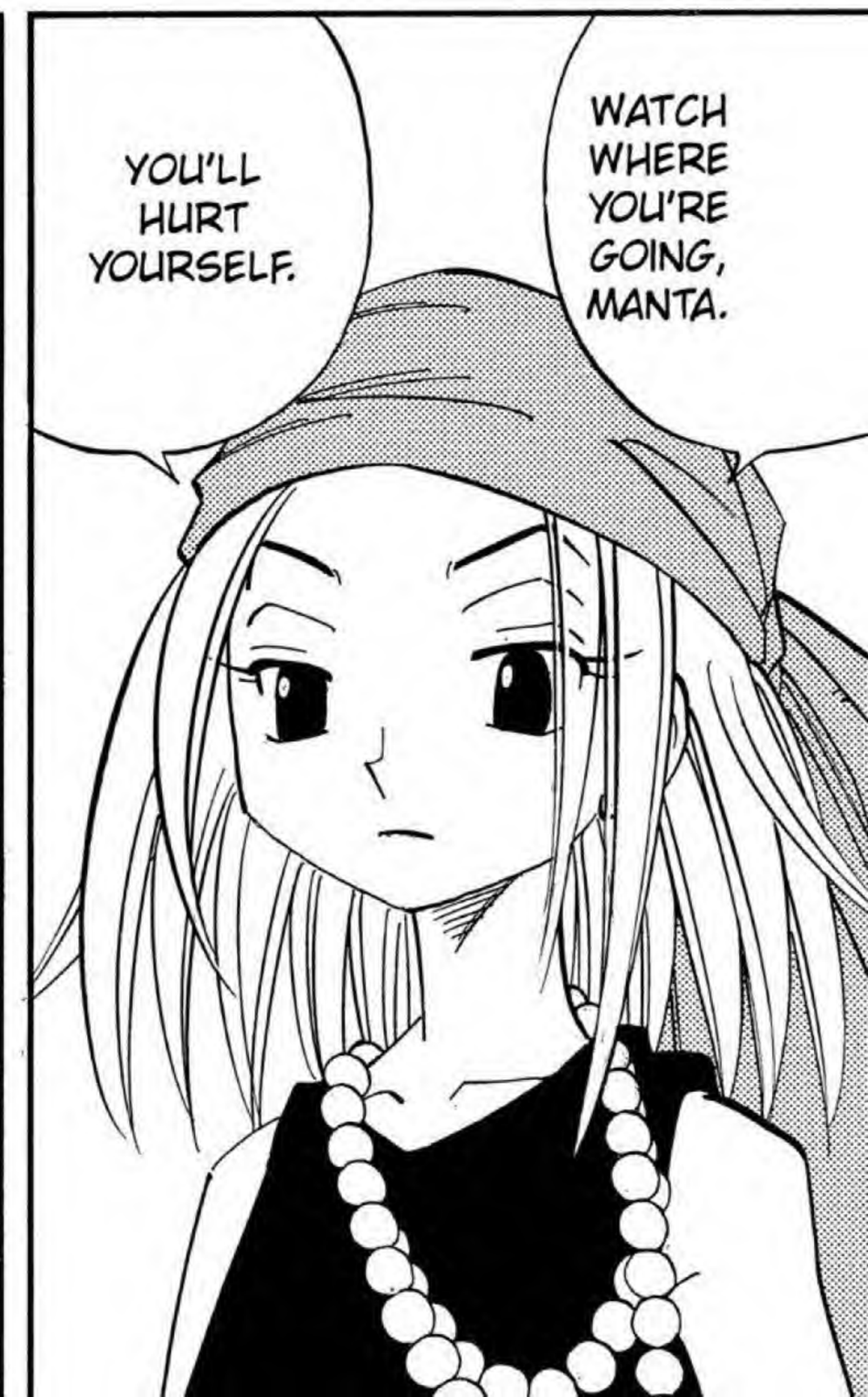

YOH'S...!!
YOH'S...!!
BUT THIS IS TERRIBLE!

ANNA!!


YOU'LL HURT YOURSELF.
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, MANTA.

MIKIHISA? THE GUY IN THE MASK? HE'S YOH'S FATHER, RIGHT?!
THE WHOLE STORY ?!

MIKIHISA TOLD BOTH OF US...
...THE WHOLE STORY.

I KNOW.
!!!

!
WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO FIND OUT.

...IS SELDOM BETTER THAN ONE'S DREAMS.
THE TRUTH...

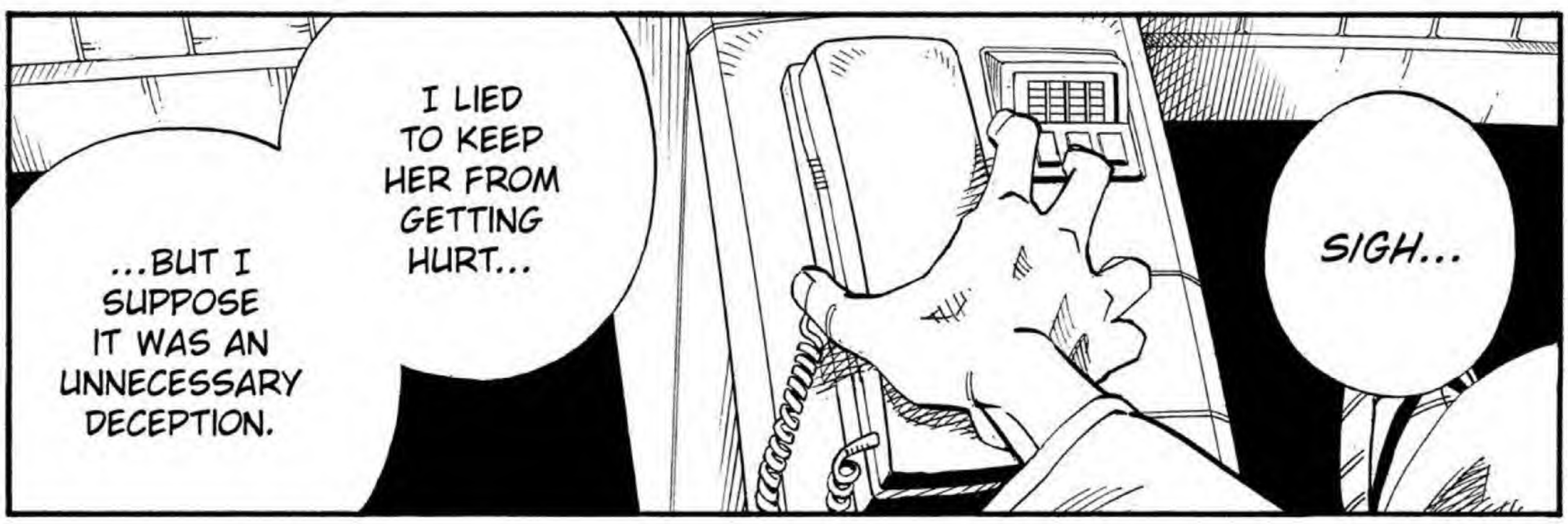
...IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT WE ARE AT WAR.
BUT...

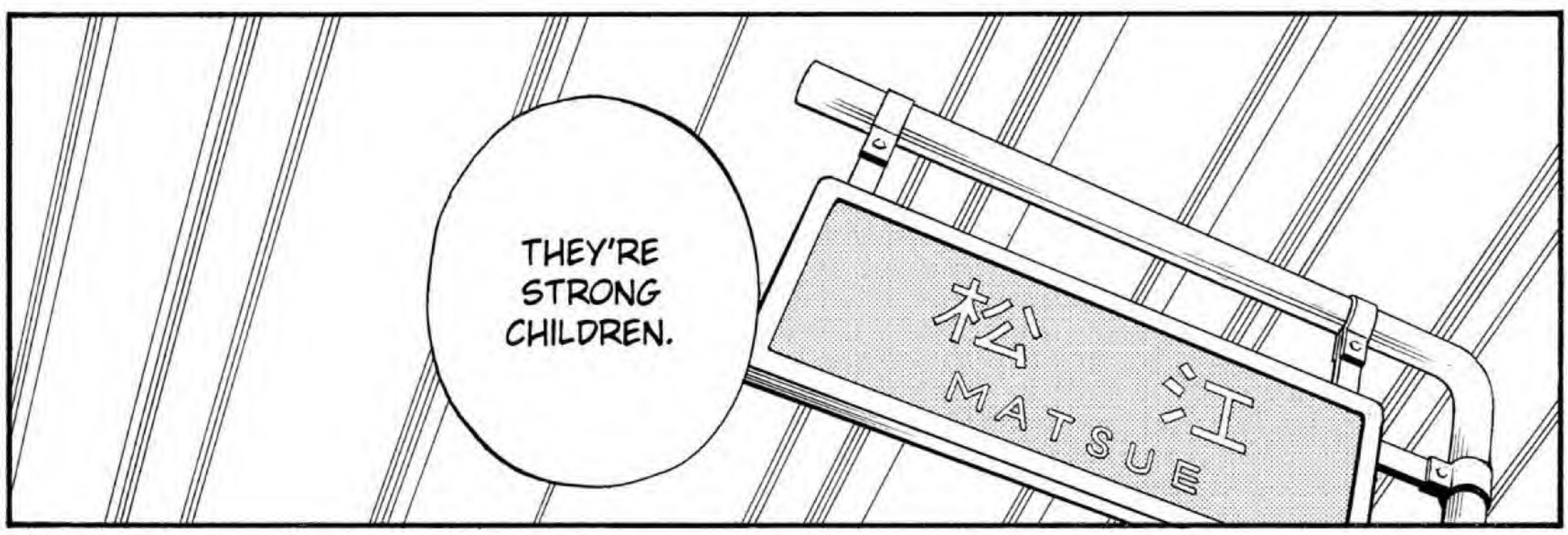
...YOH?

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS...

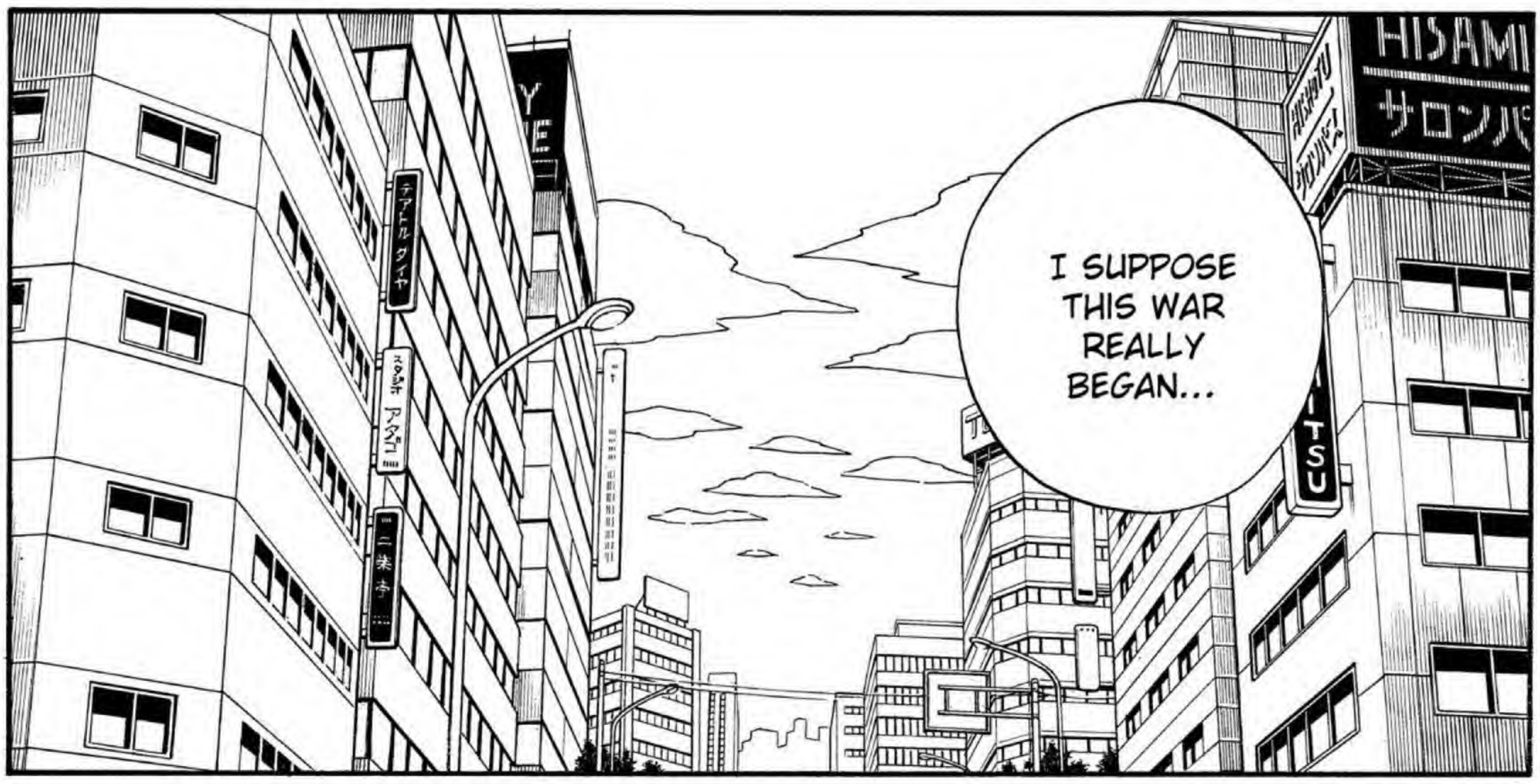
SO YOU TOLD THEM EVERY-THING.

I SEE.





THEY ARE OUR ONLY HOPE.



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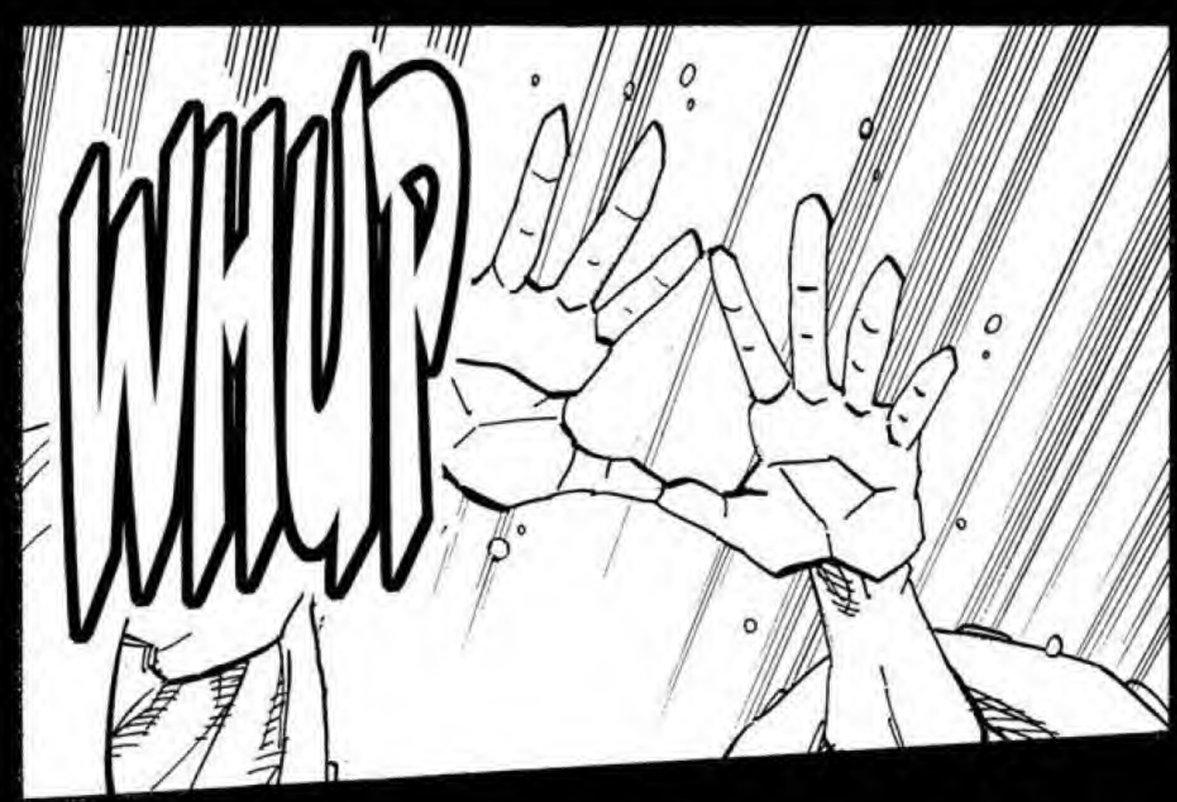
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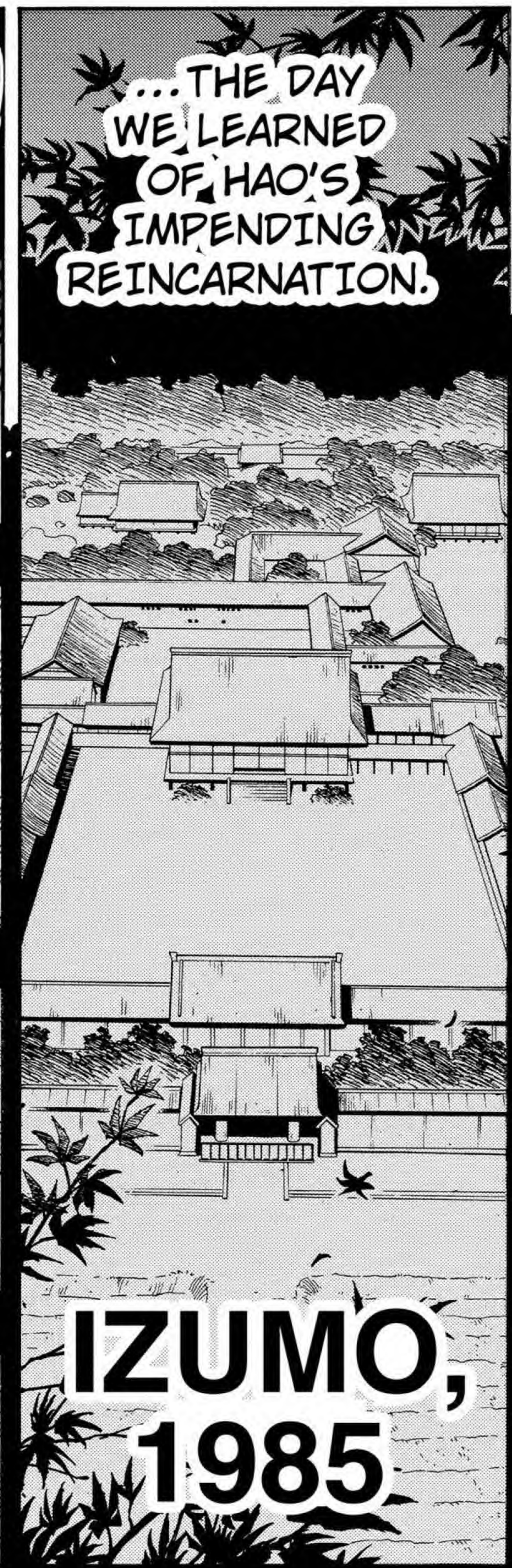
...THE DAY WE LEARNED OF HAO'S IMPENDING REINCARNATION.
IZUMO, 1985

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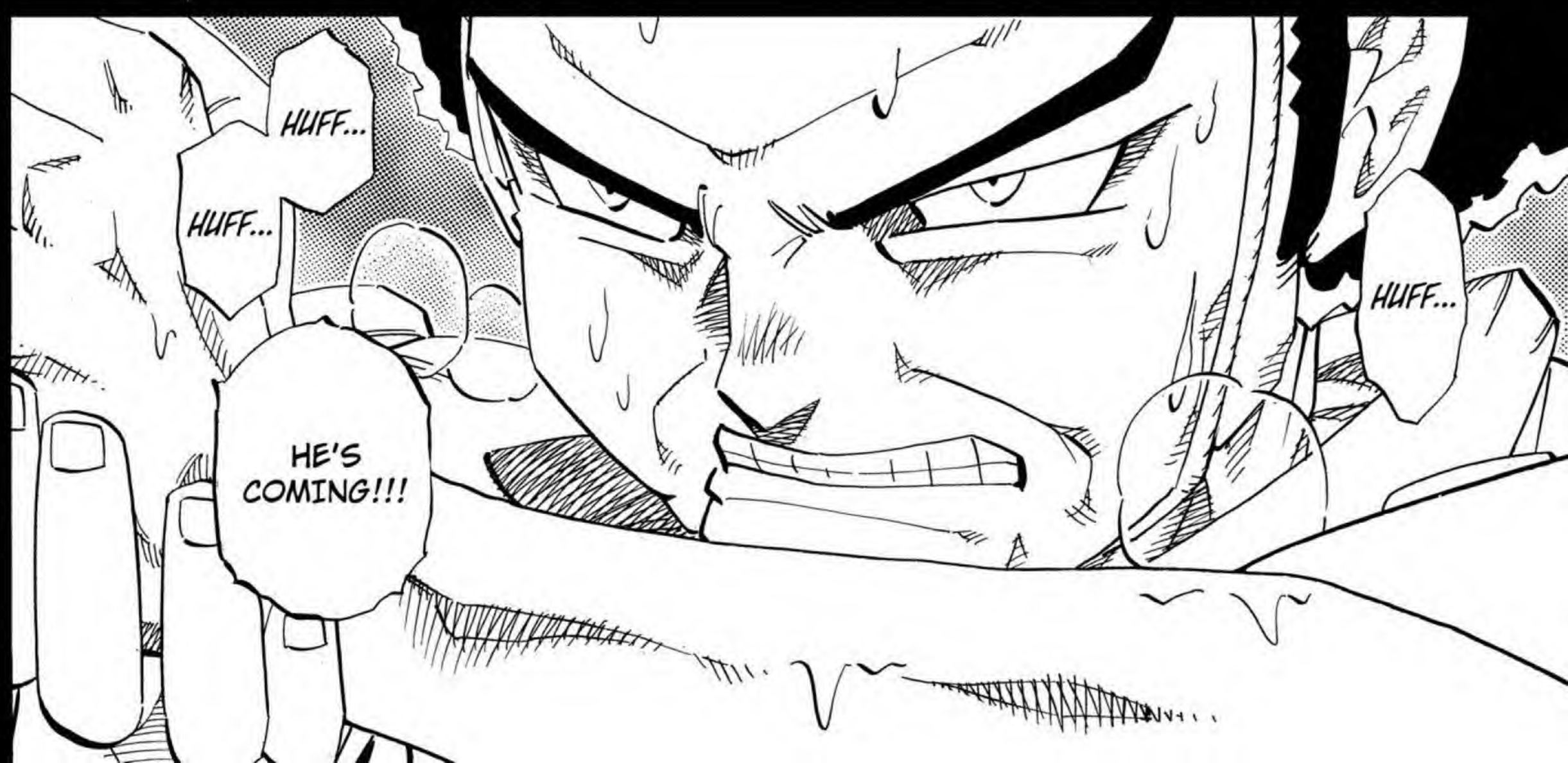
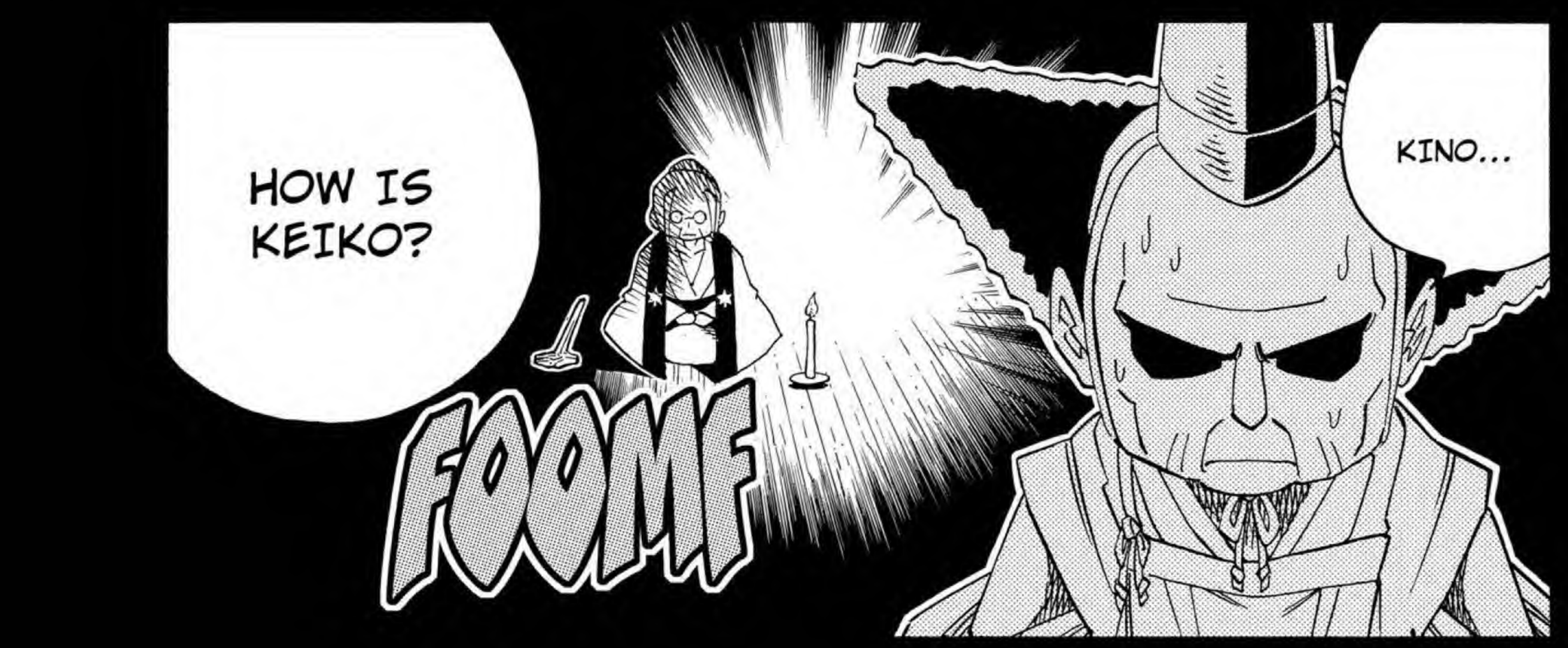

HUFF...
HUFF...
HE'S COMING!!!
HUFF...

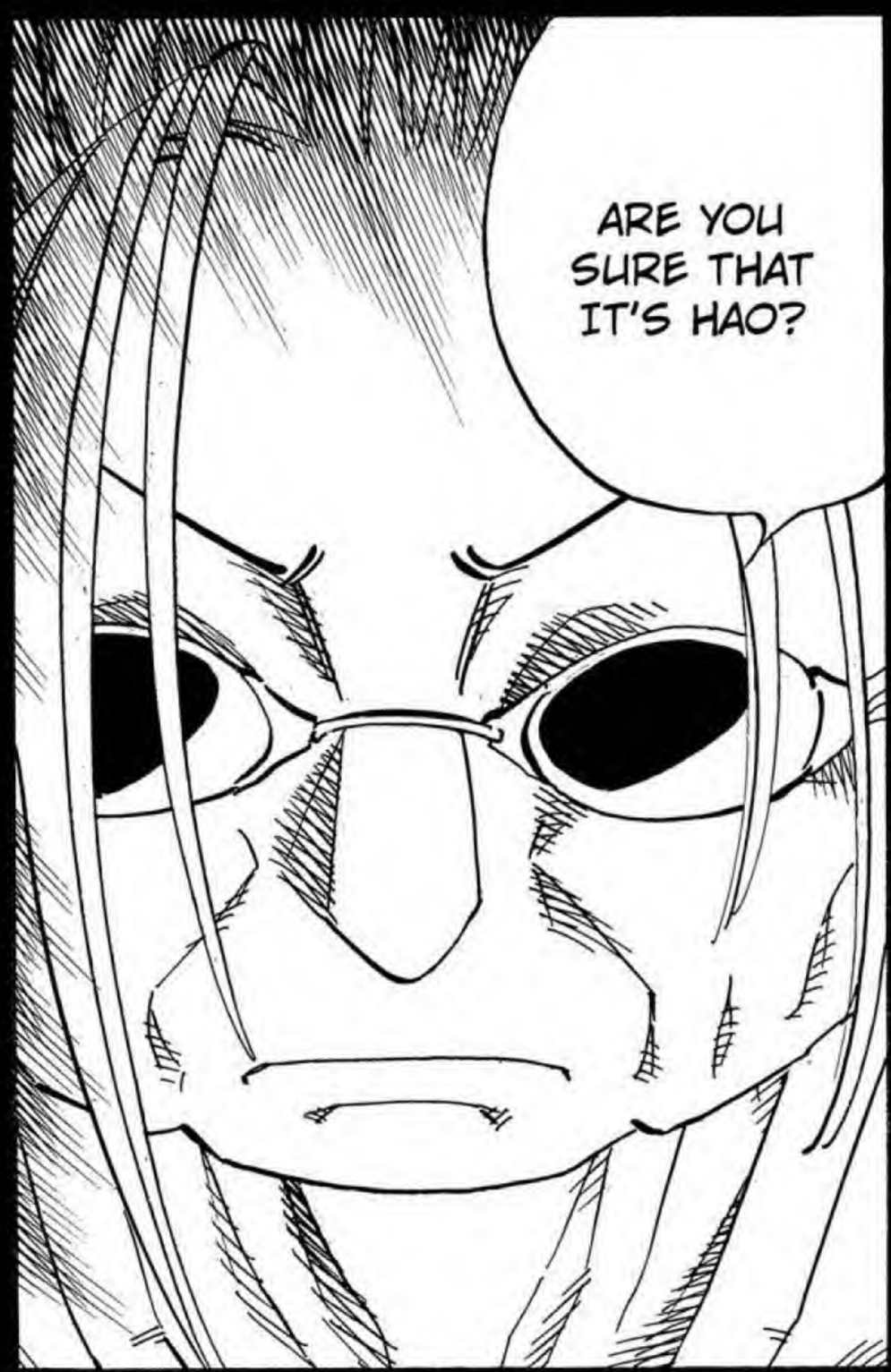
...AND HE'S CHOSEN HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD!!!

NOW HE NEEDS A NEW BODY...

A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...

...HAO ASAKURA DISAPPEARED FROM THIS WORLD.




ARE YOU SURE THAT IT'S HAO?

...IS PROGRESSING WITHOUT COMPLICATION.
HER PREGNANCY...

...PERFORMED THIS DIVINATION MANY TIMES.
I'VE...

CURSE HIM!
THE ANSWER IS ALWAYS THE SAME!!
THE AUDACITY!! TO REINCARNATE IN THE WOMB OF MY OWN DAUGHTER!!

THIS WILL BE HARD ON KEIKO, BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
WE CAN STILL STOP HIM.

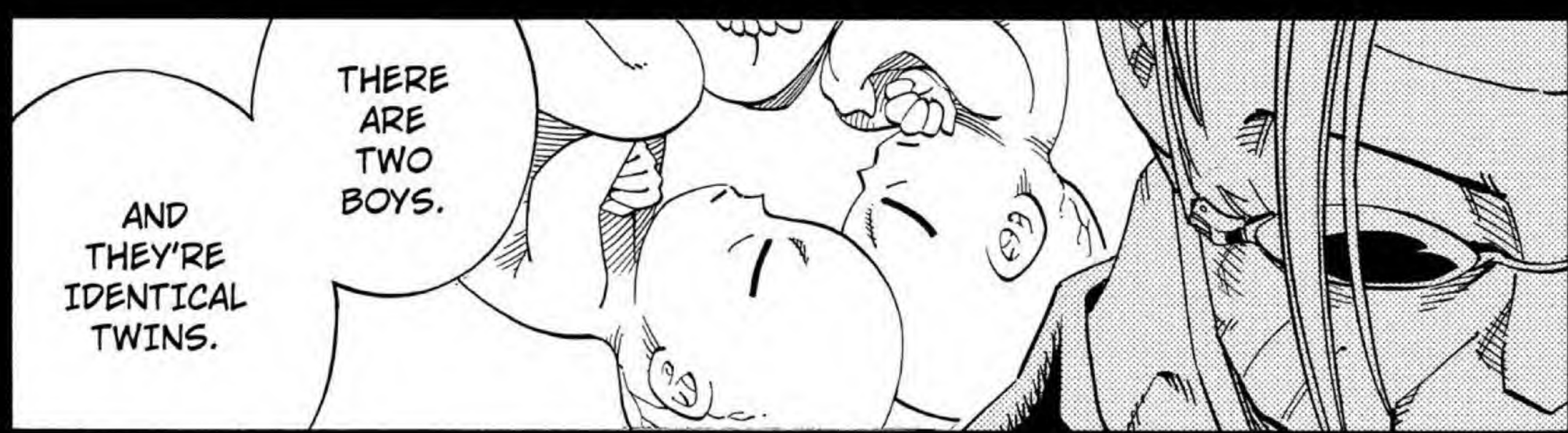
BUT OUR BLOOD ALSO ALLOWED US TO FORESEE HIS COMING.

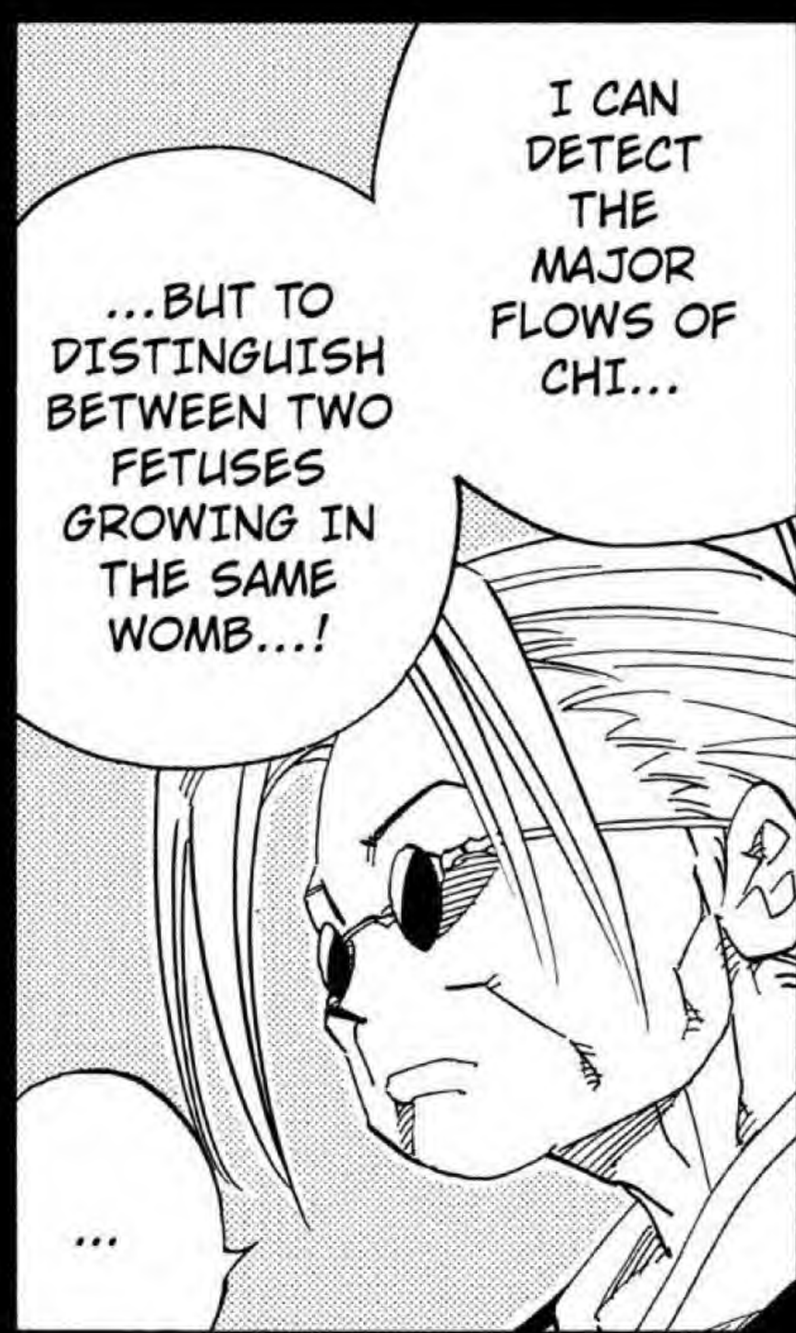
OUR FAMILY HAS PRESERVED A HIGH LEVEL OF MANA...
...WHICH IS WHY HE CHOSE US.

WE MUST KILL IT AS SOON AS IT BREATHES LIFE.
THE CHILD WITHIN HER HARBORS HAO'S SOUL.
BOOM
WHAT IF THERE ARE TWO CHILDREN?
BUT, YOHMEI...
...

KEIKO WENT TO SEE THE DOCTOR.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


THERE ARE TWO BOYS.
AND THEY'RE IDENTICAL TWINS.


I CAN DETECT THE MAJOR FLOWS OF CHI...
...BUT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TWO FETUSES GROWING IN THE SAME WOMB...!
...

...IT CAN'T.

...UNLESS YOUR DIVINATION CAN TELL YOU WHICH CHILD WILL BE BORN FIRST.
WE WON'T KNOW WHICH ONE IS HAO...
TMP

IT'S YOUR DECISION.
YOHMEI ...

...!!!

WE HAVE TO KILL THEM BOTH!!!
FWSHH

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(MAY)

SPIRIT OF FIRE

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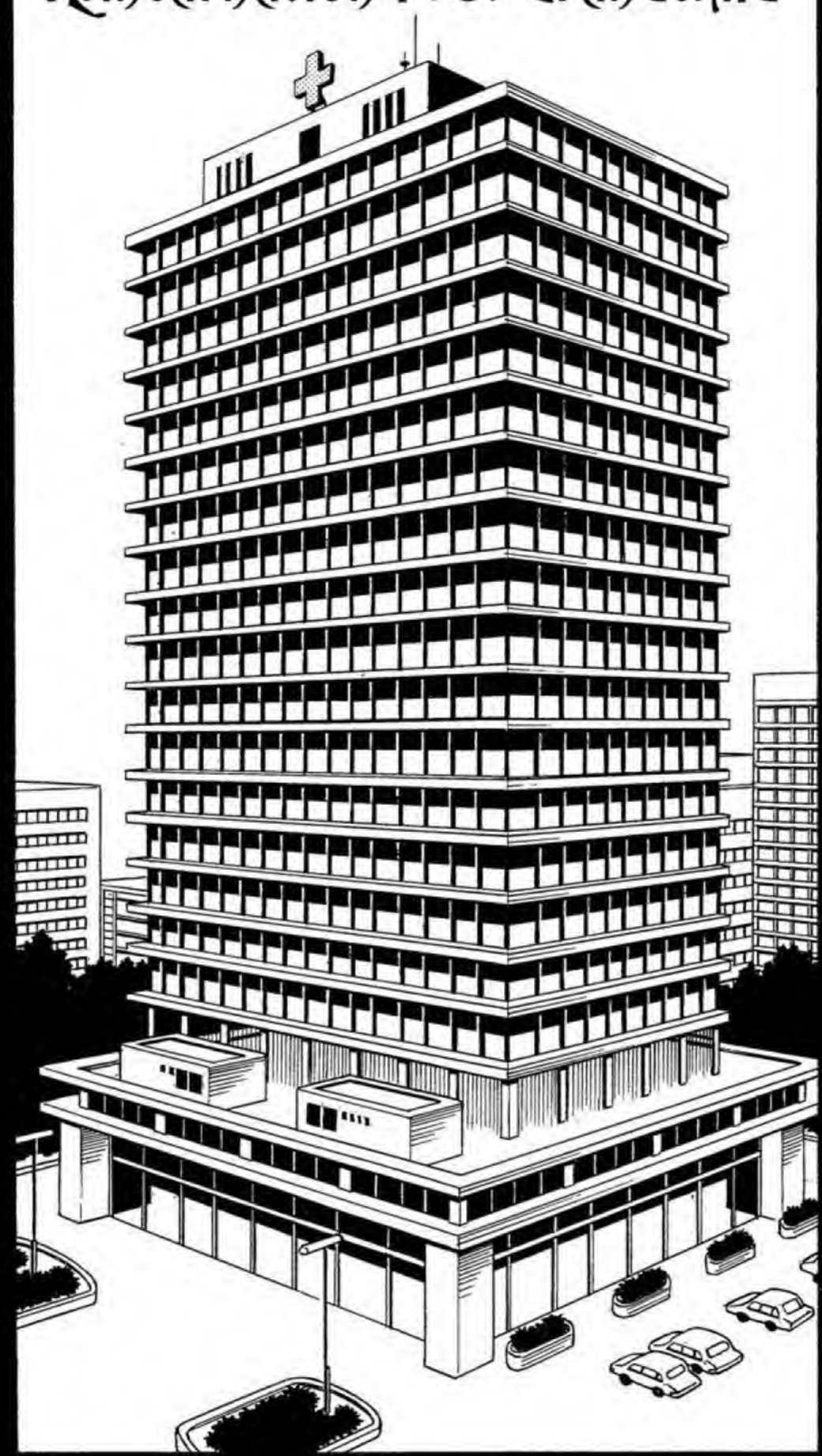

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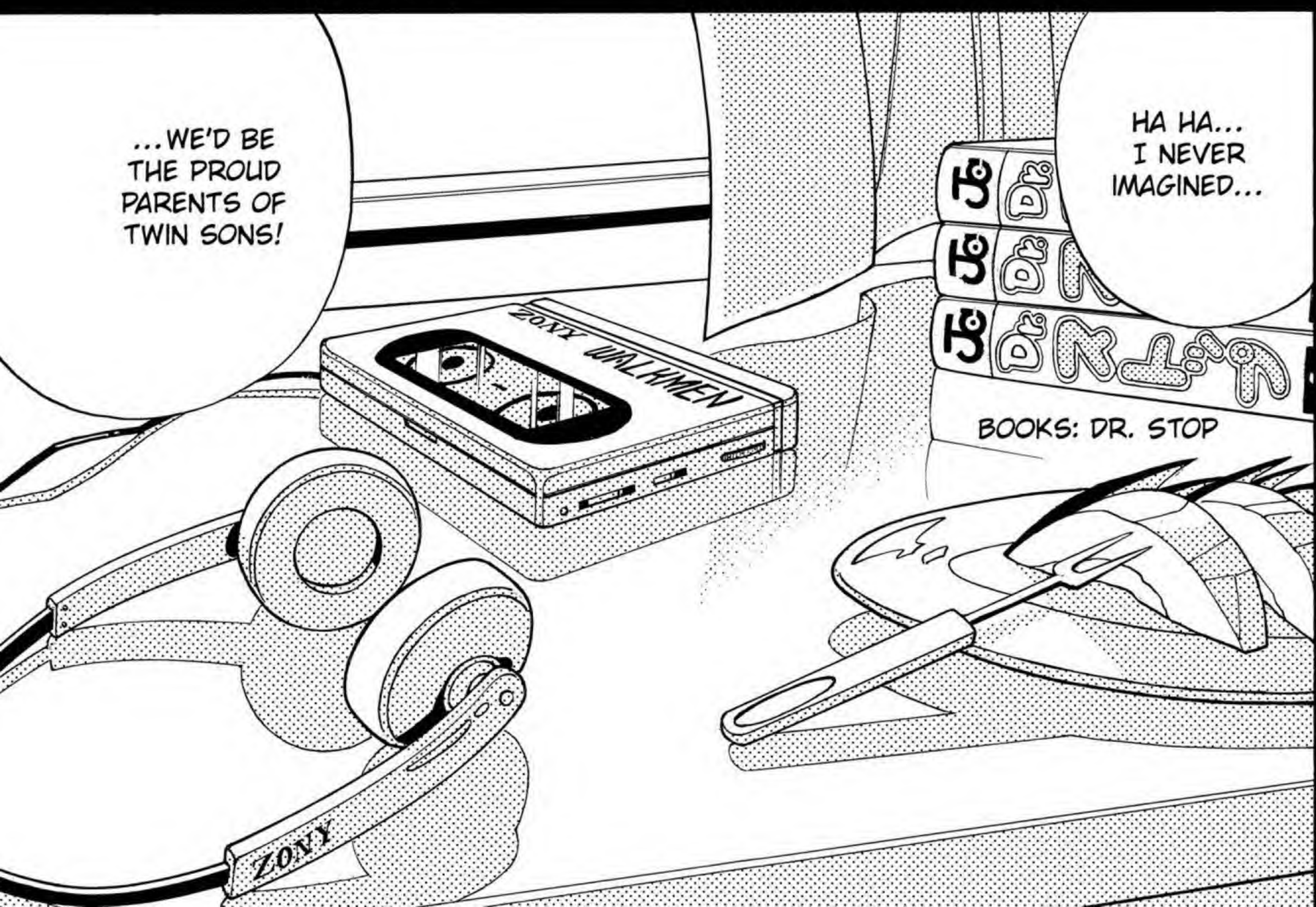

AREN'T YOU EXCITED, KEIKO?

THEY'LL BE GREAT KIDS.

MIKIHISA ASAKURA
(SON-IN-LAW)
26 YEARS OLD

I JUST WANT THEM TO BE BORN HEALTHY.

KEIKO ASAKURA
24 YEARS OLD

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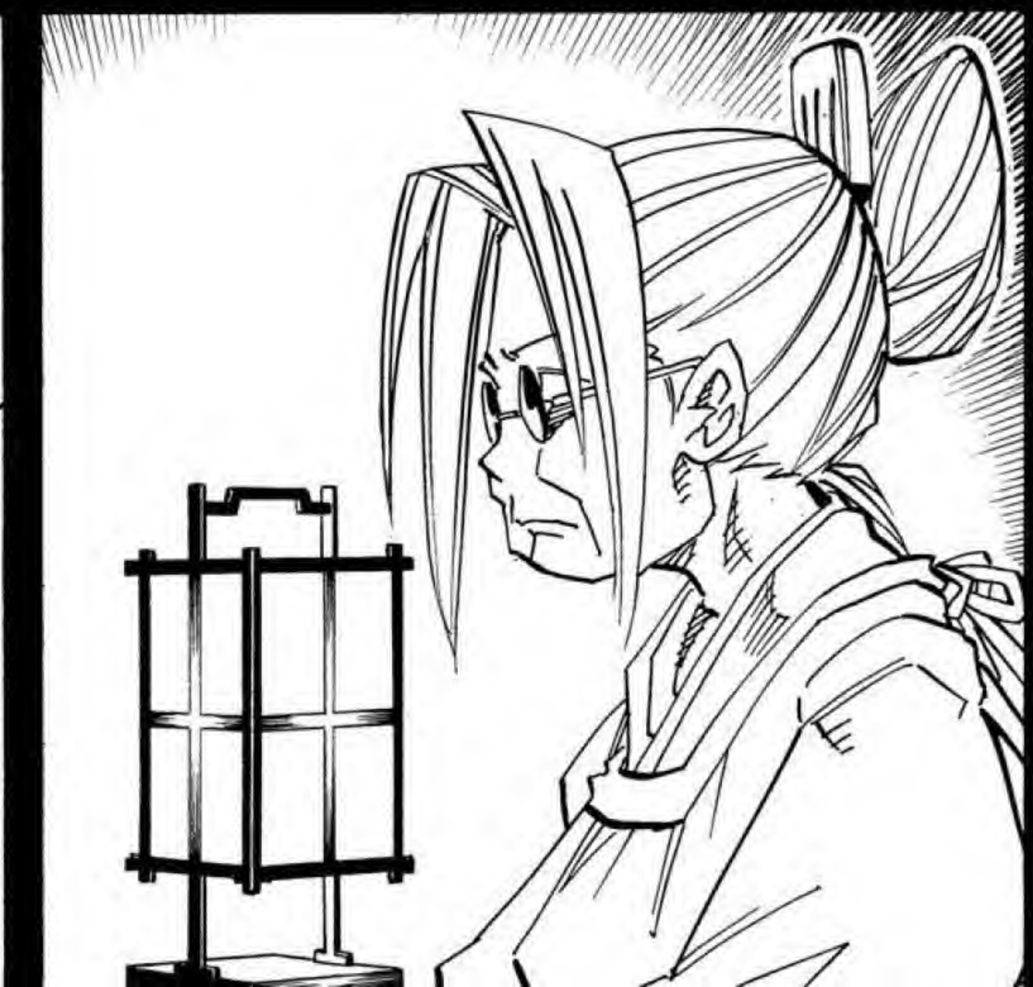
SHE'S BETWEEN CONTRACTIONS...
...AND SLEEPING, FINALLY.



BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THE BABIES HAVE TO DIE.

POOR CHILD. IF WE WERE IN A HOSPITAL, SHE COULD BE GIVEN MEDICINES TO EASE HER PAIN.

...HE WOULD JUST FIND ANOTHER BODY TO INHABIT.

EVEN IF KEIKO HAD AN ABORTION, OR VOWED TO NEVER HAVE CHILDREN...

IF WE LET HIM LIVE, THEN NOTHING CAN STOP HIM.

LAWS DON'T APPLY TO THAT MAN.

WE HAVE NO CHOICE.

HE WILL BE BORN TONIGHT.

THERE IS NO MORE TERRIBLE THING TO ASK OF A MOTHER.

IT IS THE FATE OF THE ASAKURA.

...EVEN IF HE MANAGES TO REINCARNATE, HE'LL MISS THE NEXT SHAMAN FIGHT.

BUT IF WE CAN KILL HIM NOW...

YOU'VE BEEN VERY BRAVE...

...MIKIHISA AND KEIKO.

IT'S ALMOST TIME.

IT MUST'VE BEEN THE HARDEST DECISION OF YOUR LIVES.

THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THIS.

TIK

TOK

SHE'S WILLING TO MAKE ANY SACRIFICE TO PREVENT HIS REINCARNATION.

BUT SHE GREW UP HEARING STORIES ABOUT HAO ASAKURA.

BUT IT'S HARDER FOR KEIKO THAN FOR ME.

YES, FATHER.

WE CAN'T ESCAPE OUR DESTINY.

SHE SAID WE HAVE TO STAND UP AND FACE IT.

NEVER MIND. THE TIME IS NEAR.

?

THE DESPICABLE HAO...

TIK TOK

THE FOUNDER OF THE ASAKURA...

...MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LIVE AGAIN!

BUT THIS WEARS HEAVY ON MY SOUL.

BUT I'M PART OF THIS FAMILY, TOO.

I'D RUN FROM IT, IF I COULD...

YES, YOU'RE BOTH VERY BRAVE...

HE MUST BE STOPPED, WHATEVER THE COST!!

FOOM FOOM FOOM FOOM

KILL THE CHILD !!!

SHIKIGAMI !!!

SO SMALL AND HELPLESS...

...MY GRANDSON.

FORGIVE ME...

SO WEAK...

WHOOM

A CURSE REVERSAL!!
THERE'S NO DOUBT-THIS CHILD IS THE ONE!!
FOOMF
SPLAK
A SPIRIT ALLY?!! IMPOSSIBLE !!!
FWOOM
LOOK OUT!!!
GAAAH!
BE CAREFUL, KEIKO!! IT'S HAO!!
FWOOO
DARLING !!

AVATAR: MOUNTAIN GODS!!!
KARAH RIN CHO KARAH RIN SVAHA!
GO!! BRING IT DOWN!!!

KLANG

奉納

IT'S GONE?!

IT USES OXYGEN AS ITS MEDIUM.

IT'S THE IDEAL MEDIUM— IT'S EVERY-WHERE.

HA HA... THOSE THINGS CAN'T CATCH SPIRIT OF FIRE.

THE BABY... IT CAN...!

SO THIS...

THIS VOICE IN MY MIND...

AFTER ALL THE PAINS I ENDURED ACQUIRING SPIRIT OF FIRE, IT HAD TO BE REDUCED TO ITS BARE ESSENCE. SUCH A PITY. HA HA HA...

OF COURSE, IT WAS NO EASY FEAT TO REINCARNATE WITH A SPIRIT ALLY...

FWOOF

...THE GREAT ONMYOJI !!

...IS HAO ASAKURA ...

I AM HAO.

YES.

DOOM

RRMMB

RRMB

...FOR GIVING ME LIFE, KEIKO.

THANK YOU...

YOU MUSTN'T RISK LOSING IT NOW.

LIE STILL. YOU HAVE ANOTHER CHILD IN YOU.

YOU DEVIL !!

THAT'S MY PRECIOUS OTHER HALF IN THERE.

HEH HEH... SHE'S RIGHT.

PERHAPS THIS IS ONE OF THE TRIALS I MUST ENDURE IN THIS INCARNATION.

I WAITED SO LONG FOR THIS BODY, AND IT'S A TWIN...

...WILL ONE DAY CHOOSE THE PATH OF THE KING.

MY OTHER HALF...

BUT FOR NOW, TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM.

VWM

BUT I WILL RECOVER IT AND BECOME WHOLE— AND THE WORLD WILL SHAKE BEFORE MY POWER.

CHEEP

CHEEP

HA HA HA HA HA...

RAISE YOUR HEAD, FATHER. PLEASE.

I HESITATED...

I'M SORRY.

IT'S ALL MY FAULT.

I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE THERE'S SUCH A THING AS FATE.

I'M NOT SURE IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR US TO KILL THE CHILD ANYWAY.

DON'T PUNISH YOURSELF.

WE ALL HESITATED.

...THIS BABY WOULDN'T BE ALIVE RIGHT NOW, EITHER.

AND IF YOU HADN'T HESITATED...

...THEN IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE IS HAO'S EQUAL.
IF THIS CHILD IS HAO'S OTHER HALF, AS HE SAID...

FATE. YES...
IT'S A GOOD THING THIS ONE LIVED.

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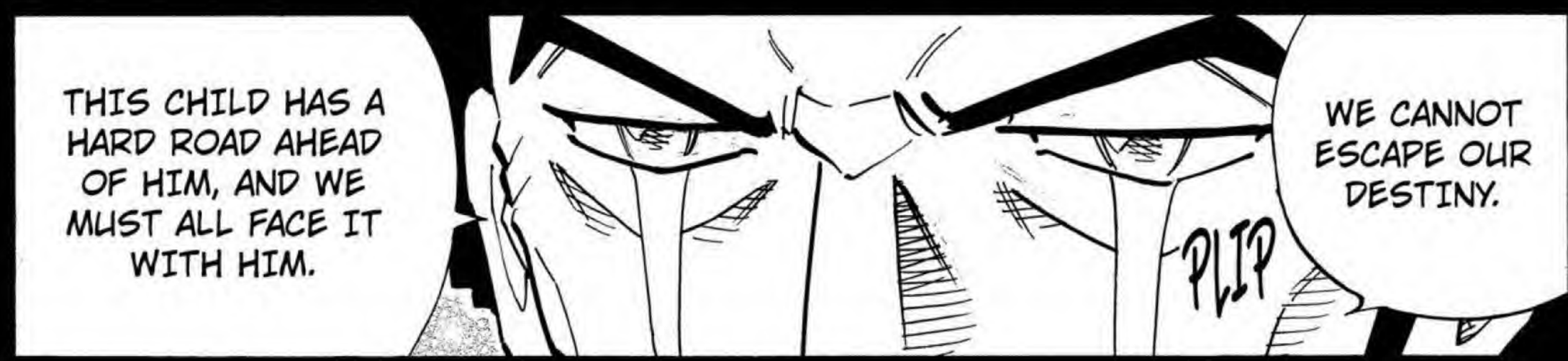
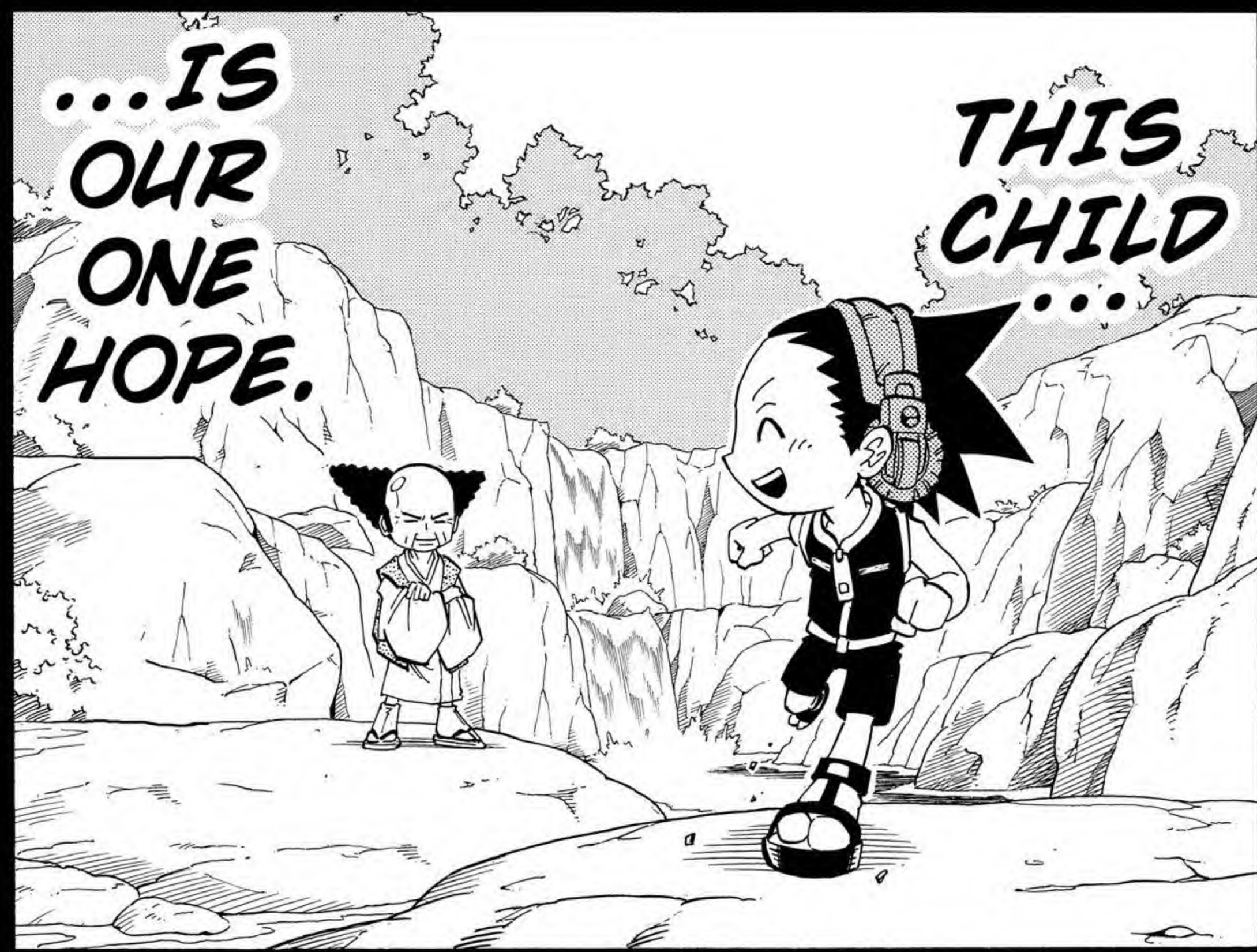

THIS CHILD HAS A HARD ROAD AHEAD OF HIM, AND WE MUST ALL FACE IT WITH HIM.
PLIP
WE CANNOT ESCAPE OUR DESTINY.


...IS OUR ONE HOPE.
THIS CHILD...